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"Ad astra Per aspera"

AMA in World War II

told by people who were there

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This flag, right, flew over AMA on Pearl Harbor Day. Now on display at the AMA Museum.

General Jim Meier, '58, passes away

Major General James W. Meier, USAF, '58, passed away peacefully at his home in St. Helena Island, SC on 5 August. General Meier had spoken at AMA's Founders Day ceremonies this past May during Reunion 2000. Story on page 9.

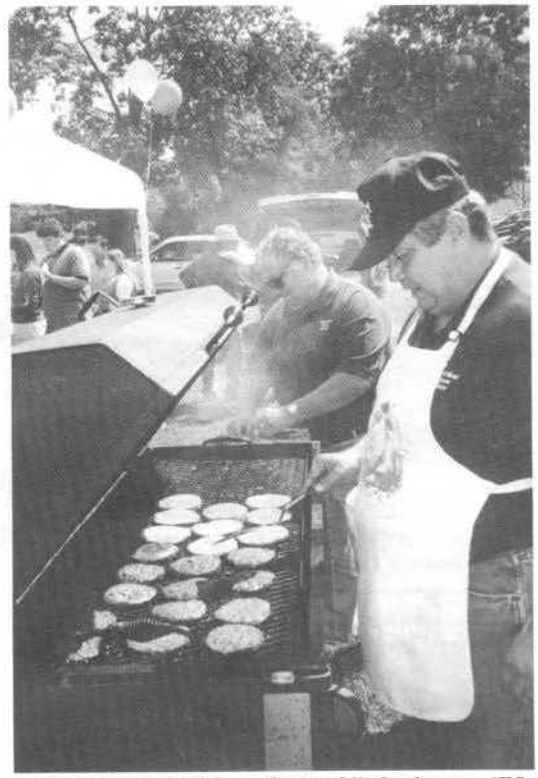
Mickey Gordon, '39, funds VMI stipends

In an act of characteristic generosity, **Marvin "Mickey" Gordon, '39**, has contributed $10,000 to the VMI Scholarship Fund with the dividends from the contribution going to help pay the annual VMI Scholarships.

Gordon recently made another $10,000 donation to support the renovation of the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, said, *"We always count on Mickey to help out where a need exists. Over the years, he's been the first to volunteer for AMA, the first to sign up for a reunion or other event."* He served as 2nd President of the AMA Alumni Association, stepping into the job in 1970 when **Parker Ward, '54**, died in a plane crash.

Each year, the Alumni Association funds 4 $500 scholarships for VMI cadets who are selected by the Institute. **General Roller** graduated from VMI in 1901, and there has been a strong association with VMI since.



ALUMNI PICNIC - Gary Nicholson, '70, and Frank Williamson, '60, perform chow duties at the Fall AMA Alumni Picnic in front of Alumni House. Story on page 21.

Are you a member of The 2,034?
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COACH CLAIBORNE DIES

As this issue went to press, we learned of the death of Coach Jerry Claiborne whose first football head coaching job was at AMA and who went on to become Coach of the Year in 3 college conferences. Details in next issue.

COLONEL LIVICK recovering at home after mild heart attack
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Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

Fall 2000

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

You may be surprised to learn that more than 700 visitors have toured the AMA Museum since it was formally opened this past May! 700 people! That is 10 percent of the total number of fellows who attended AMA in all its years of operation. A fantastic response to the museum and all it stands for.

Remarkably -- and most unfortunately -- the vast majority of the volunteer work to make our museum a shining attraction is being done by a precious few alumni and friends: **Chief Cole, Don Studer, Rod Willey** and Sue, **Ben Zinkhan**, and, of course, that tireless workhorse, **Duke Fancher**. We owe them so much.

We simply must find some more *local volunteers* -- people who live in or near Augusta County -- who will give us a few hours a week, or a few hours a month. It is too much to expect that these same few people will be in the Alumni House day in and day out, greeting visitors, cataloguing museum items, and doing all the other things that make our little museum the gem of the Shenandoah Valley.

And, much as I am loath to talk about it, we still need contributions. There is the continuing need to operate the museum, pay the utilities, and staff the alumni house. We have borrowed from other funds to pay the final costs of the restoration, and these funds need to be repaid, and repaid soon.

There are only so many ways to say it: we need your *contributions* and we need your *time*. Which do you have the most of -- time or money? We'll take either one!

Goodloe Saunders, '57
President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

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An editorial

from the Staunton News Leader, September 5, 2000

Military academy filled to the brim with memories

No matter how imperfect the experience might have been, we, all, look back on our school days with a mixture of wistfulness, longing and nostalgia. Those days of incipient discovery, shared confidences, missteps, blunders and triumphs are a common thread.

All alumni of a particular school are brothers and sisters under the skin. Such is the case from the most modest high school to the loftiest university. And such is the case with the alumni of Augusta Military Academy.

Recently, staff writer Tim Harrington reported on the burgeoning trove of artifacts which have been pouring into the AMA Alumni House and Museum. When the museum opened a scant few months ago, there was some worry about how they would fill the displays. Now, their problem is where will they manage to put everything that has been loaned or donated to the museum.

The items range from the sublime to the mundane, but as with all small museums, there is an immediacy, an intimacy present that grander-scale collections lack.

Touched with the joy, hope, and rambunctiousness of youth, these items speak across the years, bridging the gap between the living and those who have long since passed on. A uniform that once clothed a cadet on the eve of the Civil War makes one pause and ponder his ultimate fate. A lone glove conjures up images of inspections. A nearly 110 year old love letter breathes life into a long gone Victorian tryst between teenagers as we read the words penned by a Staunton girl to an AMA cadet in 1891: *"I hope Professor Roller didn't find out you came to town."*

The AMA exhibit is filled with memories and form a bridge between

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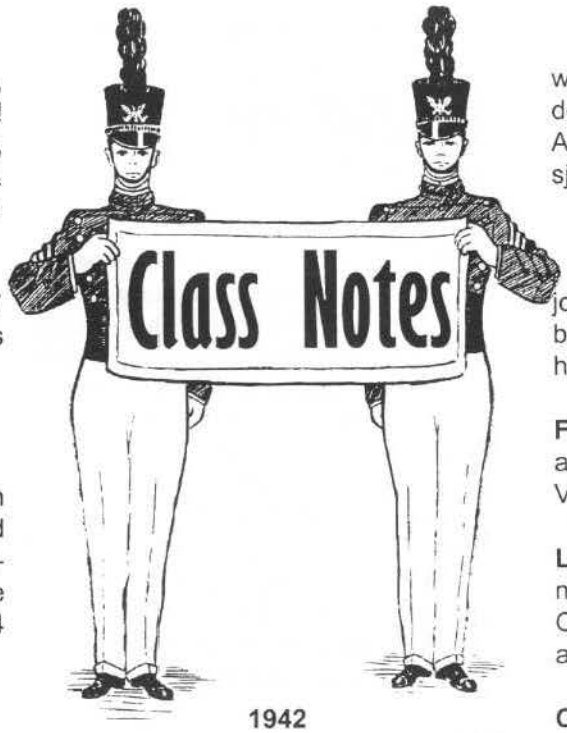
Colonel and Mrs. Livick's grandson, Michael, age 13, now owns a car! Though he can't drive it until he is 16, he has a 1999 Chevrolet convertible. Michael was the winner of Marriage Before Carriage prize, a drawing for kids who pledged to wait for marriage before having sex. *"I think I was more excited than he was,"* says Michael's mother, Lee Livick Hahn.



1930
(NO AGENT)

Admiral Joe Yon and Sallie live in Portsmouth and have been married for 68 years. They now have 5 great-grandchildren. He retired from the Medical Corps of the Navy after 34 years of service.

1932
(NO AGENT)

Lewis Towers has some wonderful memories of his brief stay at AMA. He recently had spinal surgery, and while he was recovering, asked his wife, Kaye, to send his AMA belt buckle to the AMA Museum. Thanks, Lewis!

1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)

George Adam lives in League City, TX. He wrote to identify his brother, **Bill, '40**, whose picture appeared in the Spring 2000 *Bayonet*. Bill passed away some 3 years ago.

1938
(NO AGENT)

Charles Board has a new address: 726 Loveville Road, #94, Rockessin, DE 19707-1524.

1939
(MICKEY GORDON)

Mickey Gordon has been named to the President's Club of the American Funds Group, their highest honor. He was cited for his superior customer service in the Shenandoah Valley and Washington, DC areas. Mickey has been with Advest for 30 years, and has been in financial services for 52 years.

1942

John Taylor is back on the AMA mailing list. Welcome, John! e-mail: LeeHigh@1opener.net

1943
(EARL CABANISS & CHRIS HARRISON)

Sam Caprette did not know that the AMA Alumni Association is *"alive and kicking..."* Yes, Sam, we are here! He was diagnosed with MSA (multiple system atrophy, or Shy-Drager Syndrome) 18 months ago, an ailment which affects balance and manual dexterity. He'd love to hear from other AMA alumni. You can e-mail Sam at: sjcaprette@juno.com

Admiral Joe Yon, '30

Bob Guggenheimer writes that all is well in Spain. Bob was a journalist in Madrid and retired in that beautiful city a few years back. e-mail him at: guggenheimer@teleline.es

Fred Haden has given us his mailing address: 2702 Ankeny Street, Oakton, VA 22124-1607.

Leonard Salasky has a new snail mail address: 1069 Harrington Way, Carmichael, CA 95600. Len's e-mail address: salasky@aol.com

Chris Harrison was sorry to have missed Reunion 2000, but he has a degenerative eye condition that makes it difficult for him to drive. *"I may have missed my last opportunity to get back to a reunion... Delay at my age is not a good thing!"* Chris, we are pulling for you to come back next May for Reunion 2001.

Bob Powell, former 1st Captain and a retired lieutenant colonel, USA, gives his new address: 20985 Unison Road, Middleburg, VA 20117.

Herb McCawley enjoyed the photo of classmates **Charlie West, Bill Stuart,** and **Cass Leigh** which appeared in the Summer 2000 *Bayonet*. *"Bill was known as 'Cadet Spic, Span and Clean'... with great military bearing."*

1944
(NO AGENT)

Bill Clede has been an environmental reporter for 30 years with the Hartford, CT *Times*, and on Hartford Radio Station WTIC. He also has worked with the NRA on its safe shooter program over quite a few years.

Bill Clede

Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year

1946
(NO AGENT)

Bob Lappin spends the summers on Cape Cod, and the rest of the year in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

1947
(NO AGENT)

Harry May checks in with a new e-mail address: HarryM10@aol.com

1948
(BILL HARRIS)

Les Zittrain is a practicing attorney in Pittsburgh who says that he is now *"working toward retirement."* Thank you, Les, for your generous contribution to the alumni association.

Hal Walters and a Naval Academy classmate have developed *"a real paradise at 3,000 feet here at Brevard, NC, including a 30 acre lake stocked with trout."* Now, says Hal, he can make it to the reunions in much less time than it used to take when he lived in Florida.

Francis X. Fields updates us on the condition of his eye. In the last *Bayonet*, we reported that "The Mad Bugler" had to leave Reunion 2000 early because of a problem with his left eye, which turned out to be a detached retina. No fun! He had surgery to correct things and 4 weeks later, the retina had detached again. He is concerned that he might not be able to drive down to Reunion 2001 from his home in Aberdeen, MD. Hey, FX, don't you worry - we'll come and get you if we have to! Get well fast!

John English served in the US Air Force 1948-1968. He now lives in Kennesaw, GA. His e-mail address: jlenglish@mindspring.com

Dick Steele says that after 16 years in public office, he is enjoying country living in Bonifay, FL. *"Retirement wouldn't be the same without The Bayonet. I really look forward to reading about my old buddies."* Dick was Drum Major, and his tower roommates were **Ernie Click, John Seibold** and **Bill Sellers**.

1949
(NO AGENT)

Doug Nemier has a new e-mail address: JDNemier@aol.com

1950
(JIM LUPTON)

Bob Bradford and Nancy welcomed a new granddaughter, Sydney Grace Batt, into the world on 21 July. Laura and Mike Batt also have a 3 year old daughter, Alexandra. The Batts live in Folsom, CA.

1952
(NO AGENT)

Corky Gardner didn't get to the reunion, but he was through Fort Defiance during the summer. The museum was closed, but he read all the pavers *"with some emotion."*

1953
(NO AGENT)

Dr. Sam Martin is a consulting engineer in South Dennis, MA. e-mail: sammartin@mediaone.net

Lew Mundin recently visited **Phil Thomas, '57**, in Thomas' office in Middleburg. Lew says, *"We talked about old times and the girls at Fairfax Hall..."* Lew also reports that **Jay Fox, '53**, visited the new AMA Museum and Alumni House, and was much impressed with what he saw.

1956
(NO AGENT)

Bob Menefee, Jr. lives in Fairfax, VA where he has been a baseball coach for many years. Now retired, he manages a summer baseball team in a league around the Beltway.

Harry Sommers is a retired police lieutenant from Fairfax County, VA. He now lives in Lake Charles, LA.

1957
(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Tony Webster's widow has enrolled in aviation ground school and flight training and hopes to have her private pilot's license this fall. She maintains a strong and abiding interest in AMA, and very much enjoys being on *The Bayonet* mailing list.

1958
(DUKE FANCHER)

Terry Snow continues his slow improvement from the effects of a massive stroke. His stepfather, Don Brah, says Terry really loves to have visits from his AMA friends. He also likes to get phone calls at 804/847-7208. If there is no answer, he likely is in therapy, or in the hallway. Try again! We're praying for you, Terry.

1959
(ELLIOTT RIDGE, DAVE CONRAD, & LLOYD EASTLACK)

Dave Hunt dropped by to see the school for the first time since he graduated, and was met at the Alumni House by his old friend, **Duke Fancher, '58**. He plans to be back for the reunion in 2001. e-mail address: thunt@yar,miracosta.cc.ca.us

1960
(FRANK WILLIAMSON)

Wayne Bart says he really enjoyed Reunion 2000 - the first he ever attended - and will be back in 2001.

Fred Anderson also thought the reunion was great. *"We met a truly wonderful bunch of guys and their equally wonderful wives."* e-mail Fred at: whaven@crosslink.net

Ben Zinkhan suffered a heart attack in mid-July. He is on a new diet and medication, and is feeling much better now.

1961
HONOR CLASS IN 2001
(JACK STEELE)

Luther Long lives in Cary, NC. e-mail: llong@ci.durham.nc.us

Daryl McClung says, *"I really enjoyed Reunion 2000 and I look forward to seeing the museum completed."* He plans to attend his class' 40th reunion next year.

Lucian Chappelle lives in Huntsville, AL. He is retired army and glad to be back on the mailing list.

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1962
(BOB RIDGEWAY)

Rod Rodriquez writes from Sweden that the northern pike fishing is good this time of year. You can e-mail Rod at: warlock1@telia.com

Allen Josey was seriously wounded while serving with the Marines in the Vietnam War. He has had numerous surgeries since, and in late June, his right leg had to be amputated. He would love to hear from anyone who went to AMA. Phone 706/863-9834. Mailing address: 4125 Allison Road, Martinez, GA 30907

Lee Ottenberg and his brother run the wonderful Ottenberg's Bakeries in Washington, DC. Lee received his bachelor's degree from Northwestern and his law degree from George Washington. He is now semi-retired from the practice of law. One of his children just finished at Northwestern and another is enrolled there. Lee stopped by Alumni House early in September.

Bob Gebeaux looks forward to the next AMA reunion, and hopes to help get a good crowd back for his 40th reunion in 2002. He lives in Montross, VA and can be e-mailed at: bgebeaux @crosslink.net

1963
(NO AGENT)

John Corriere has run his own business in New Jersey for the past 15 years.

Bob Whitlinger laments the fact that *"so few cadets from '60 through '64 are on line..."* You fellows from those years can get in touch with Bob at: bwhitlin@nctimes.net

Colonel Dean Hanson has signed in with his brand-new e-mail address: dean_r_hanson@reliantenergy.com

1964
(PHIL MATTSON)

Roby Shore first learned about all that is going on at Fort Defiance when he drove by the school in late May on his way home to Monroe, NC. *"What a great job on the museum...Thanks for bringing back good memories."* e-mail: RobyFShore@aol.com

Bill Dove says he visited the AMA Web site at AMAAlumni.org, and thought it was great. Bill's Maryland-based cap company provided specially imprinted caps for the Class of 1950 during Reunion 2000.

I had to have my right leg amputated... this long after the Vietnam War.

1965
(NO AGENT

Dorian Gleason has surfaced in Mt. Pleasant, SC. He learned about the alumni association from AMAMail. He attended the University of Guam, then spent 20 years in the Air Force. e-mail address: dorianag@netscape.net

Otto Di Domenico recently bought a house in Arizona. While looking at the real estate ads, he thought he recognized the agent pictured in an ad. Turns out it is **John Hipp, '63**, Otto's company commander! But wait -- there's more to the story. Otto's wife thought she recognized John's photo also. It turns out John was a guest at Otto's wife's first wedding in 1980! How about that, sports fans!

Jose de la Torre Ugarte found the alumni association on the net. e-mail him at: jose.delatorre@halo.com

1966
(NO AGENT)

Jim Nordin and his wife, Linda, own Nordin Cabinets and Manufacturing Company, and they have a second business called Jaeggers Manufacturing where they create and ship Corian specialty items. Linda was at Jim's graduation ceremony and the 1966 Final Ball; they have been married for 32 years. They have 2 daughters, Tracy, 30, who is about to have her first baby, and Michele, 27, who is attending Kean College to get a degree permitting her to teach children with special needs. The Nordins live in Oceanport, NJ.

1967
(MAC McINNIS)

Lester Wayne Earley writes mechanical procedures at the North Anna Nuclear Power Station in Northern Virginia. He has worked in various nuclear power installations around the U.S. since 1968. He visited the AMA campus in 1999 and showed his family his room in Big Barracks. They couldn't believe how small it was! e-mail him at: lear230@aol.com

Jeff Schroeder lives just outside Orlando where he is the CFO for Vanguard Medical Concepts in Lakeland. He reports he has seen **Jimmy Watts, '67**, who is living in Montana, and **Tommy Pressley, '67**. Jeff has a 14-year-old son, Fritz.

Mickey Toms visited his 30 year old son in Vail in August and got to do some fishing in beautiful Colorado trout streams. Little Francesca turned 2 on 10 July, *"and all's right with our world."*

1968
(GORDON METZ)

Colonel Bill Lane left Fort Huachuca in July and is now stationed in Mannheim, Germany where he is CO of the 2nd Signal Brigade. Address: HHD 2nd Sig Bde, Unit 29919, Box 27, APO AE 09086. You can e-mail Colonel Bill at: lanew@hq.2sigbde.army.mil

Randolph Hall has found the Alumni Association on the web. His brother **Ben Scott Hall** also attended AMA. e-mail: argurre@aol.com

Howard Rosenthal has put a number

Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year

Honor Classes missing sparkplugs

Class agent list has some holes in it

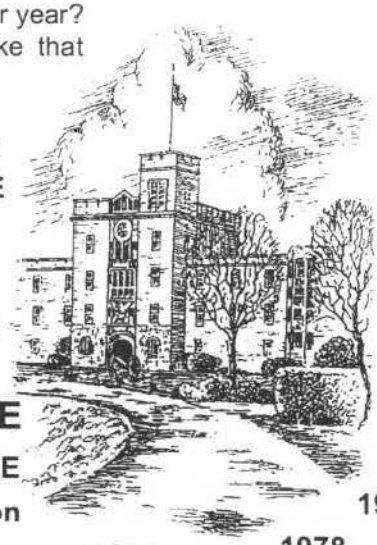
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

Listed here are the fellows who have volunteered to be Class Agents for their classes. We really appreciate what some of these guys did the last couple of years to energize their classmates to participate in the AMA Alumni Association, to donate to the scholarship and building funds, and to come back to AMA reunions.

It is not too early to start encouraging alumni to come back for the 2001 reunion. And as we look at the class lists, we are dismayed to see that one of the Honor Classes does not yet have a Class Agent.

The Class of '41 will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Yet, we have no one from that class working to get their classmates back to this important landmark reunion.

Here is a list of Class Agents from 1935 until the school closed. Is there a Class Agent listed for your year? If not, why not let us know that you'll take that assignment?



1935 ..... Julian Quarles
1936 ..... NONE
1937 ..... NONE
1938 ..... NONE
1939 ..... Mickey Gordon
1940 ..... NONE

1941 HONOR CLASS . NONE

1942 ..... NONE
1943 Earl Cabaniss & Norris Harrison
1944 ..... NONE
1945 ..... NONE
1946 ..... NONE
1947 ..... NONE
1948 ..... Bill Harris
1949 ..... NONE
1950 ..... Jim Lupton & Bob Bradford

1951 HONOR CLASS . . . HAP STARR

1952 ..... NONE
1953 ..... NONE
1954 ..... Ken Hoke
1955 ..... NONE
1956 ..... NONE
1957 ..... Goodloe Saunders
1958 ..... Duke Fancher
1959 Elliott Ridge, Dave Conrad & Lloyd Eastlack
1960 ..... Frank Williamson

1961 HONOR CLASS . . JACK STEELE

1962 ..... Bob Ridgeway
1963 ..... NONE
1964 ..... Phil Mattson
1965 ..... NONE
1966 ..... NONE
1967 ..... Mac McInnis
1968 ..... Gordon Metz
1969 . . . C. A. Pascale, Bill Scarborough, & Nick Syropoulos
1970 . . Jorge Rovirosa & Bill Parkins

1971 HONOR CLASS . GARY GRANGER & RICK MASCHAK

1972 ..... Sam Wysong
1973 ..... NONE
1974 ..... Corey Koenig & Hayes Dickinson
1975 . Bret Thompson & Bill Bruder

1976 HONOR CLASS .... JIM MITCHELL

1977 ..... Shawn Ogimachi
1978 ..... Henry Harris, II
1979 ..... Ed Iskow & Tyrock Butler
1980 ..... NONE

1981 HONOR CLASS . . TODD LIVICK

1982 ..... NONE
1983 ..... Wayne Kreson
1984 ..... Chris Meek

So, does your class have a Class Agent? If so, you might want to contact him and offer to help get your classmates back for the 2001 reunion.

If your class does **not** have a Class Agent, will you consider volunteering? The AMA Alumni Association will furnish every Class Agent with an up-to-date mailing list for his class and will provide hints for success gleaned from what other effective Class Agents have accomplished.

But, to be successful, **EACH CLASS NEEDS A SPARKPLUG.** *Will you be that sparkplug?*

of his Reunion 2000 photos on his webpage: http://www.zyworld.com/amareunion

Jim Rochelle spent several hours in the AMA Museum in August. He says, *"I made a hasty decision when I was 17 to leave AMA on my own accord... I didn't have a full appreciation for all that AMA was until I went through the Museum. Thanks to **Gary Nicholson, '70**, for showing me around and sharing a tear with me."*

1969
(BILL SCARBOROUGH, C.A. PASCALE & NICK SYROPOULOS)

Bill Scarborough and Sue visited AMA on their motorcycles in August, and while in Virginia also saw **Mark Femrite, '71**, in Blacksburg, plus **Lewie Kennett, '72, Stride Coleman, '72**, and **Charlie Hillsman, '71**. Sue is recovering from successful cancer surgery for which we are all so very grateful. They have moved from Texas to Virginia Beach, glad to be back in Virginia.

Nick Syropoulos has accepted a position with Xerox in Baltimore, and his job is to sell to the public sector -- state and local governments primarily in the 5 county area surrounding Baltimore.

1970
(JORGE ROVIROSA & BILLY PARKINS)

B. J. d'Orsay has a new job as programmer/analyst for his *alma mater*, Texas Tech. Congratulations, B.J., and thanks for all the great work you are doing on the AMA webpage.

John Porcher works for the Utah Geological Survey. Most recently, he mapped, surveyed and recorded archaeological sites on the Army's testing range in the west desert. e-mail: nrugs.jporcher@state.ut.us

Lee Hall has a new mailing address: 402 Blandford Street, #3, Rockville, MD 20850. e-mail: lee-hall@erols.com

Jorge Rovirosa reports that daughter Carolina has graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art in Baltimore with a degree in graphic design, and has accepted a position with Legg Mason at their headquarters in Baltimore. Daughter Victoria, a 2-time AMA Legacy Scholarship winner, interned this summer with On Board Media which produces magazines for Royal Caribbean, Carnival Cruise Lines, and other cruise lines.

I know the Alumni House will be in good hands with Sergeant Studer on guard...

Jim Blauch is building bridges (real ones, he says). *"I never really wanted to be a music teacher,"* he says. e-mail: jjb823@webtv.net

Briggs donates new computer

Mark Briggs, '68, has given a powerful new computer to the AMA Museum for use in archival work. The computer will be loaded with museum software which is being donated by the **Class of 1971**, and will be used to track every item in the museum. In the future, CDs of *Recalls* and other documents can be made with this wonderful new computer.

Mark, we cannot thank you enough for what you have done!

1971
HONOR CLASS IN 2001
(GARY GRANGER & RICK MASCHAK)

Kevin Manning and his son stopped by Augusta in August and both think the AMA Museum and Alumni House *"is just great!"* You can e-mail Kevin at: kcmblue@aol.com

1972
(SAM WYSONG)

Tom Barnes lives in Las Vegas where he says the waterskiing and mountain hiking have been great. His company has closed its Vegas office and Tom has started work as a survey manager for the largest surveying company in the Vegas area. Tom's new e-mail address is: Sheldonlv99@yahoo.com

Don Malnati says that his business, Renovations Unlimited, is doing very well. They just finished their biggest ever project: the Washington residence for the Ambassador from The Netherlands. The Malnatis have a new house in Silver Spring, MD.

Tom Buchanan lives in Greensboro, NC where he and his wife have a successful computer business.

Steve Pearson was hospitalized in July when his AICD (what he calls a "pacemaker with an attitude") suddenly became defective. A new implant was installed and Steve says, *"the new electronics they installed are working fine... and I am healed to the point where I have been able to go back to exercising at the gym."* Glad you're back at the top of your form, Steve. And thank for all the work to do to keep AMA Mail up and running.

Al Samuels is a production sound mixer in Los Angeles. He had a movie of the week, "Rockets Red Glare," on the Fox Family Channel in August. At AMA, he was in Band Company.

Randy Armstrong is District Sales Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region, for Mediterranean Shipping Company. *"I have to keep the ships full of ocean containers,"* he writes. Randy's company also operates cruise ships in the Mediterranean and out of Miami.

1975
(BRETT THOMPSON & BILL BRUDER)

Lieutenant Colonel Larry Nicholson commands the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, stationed at Camp Lejeune and currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as the Forward 911 force. They will be on station until early next year with duty in Kosovo, Croatia and other area hot spots. Larry has 3 sons: Andrew, 18, is a "knob" at The Citadel; Danny, a senior at Lejeune High School; and Kevin, a freshman at LHS. E-mail Colonel Larry at: nicholson5CLNC@coastalnet.com

Jorge Cordon Mena checked in from Guatemala. His e-mail: jorgecordon@hotmail.com

Jan Yancey found AMA on our web-site. He lives in Washington, DC. e-mail: jayinet@aol.com

1976
HONOR CLASS IN 2001
(JIM MITCHELL)

Frank Harris says he has eased into the 21st Century with a new DSL home connection. His new e-mail is: frankh@pinn.net

Bunky Murray graduated from the Citadel and lives today in Greenville, SC with *"a lovely wife and 3 kids... I'll always cherish my time at AMA."*

Jim Mitchell missed his first reunion in years, but says seeing the photos of a cadet room in the last *Bayonet* *"immediately took me back 25 years... I know the AMA Alumni House will be in good hands with* ***Sergeant Studer*** *on guard..."* Jim owns a restaurant in Pittsburgh, and is working to get his classmates back for their 25th reunion in 2001. e-mail: mitchburgh@aol.com

1977
(SHAWN OGIMACHI)

Ron Spriggs found the alumni association through AMAMail. Ron lives in Amarillo, TX and his e-mail address is: SpriggLaw @aol.com

General Charlie Hillsman, '71, improves after cancer surgery

A Confederate leader is recovering from stomach cancer surgery and at press time, was expecting to lead his troops in the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Charlie Hillsman has had what his wife, Winnie, called, *"6 months of shock, sickness, and sadness... He went from 236 to 150 pounds... but I believe that all the calls, e-mails and visits from his AMA brothers has meant the world to him."*

His last chemo treatment was scheduled for late September just after the reenactment of the Battle of Chancellorsville where he is a Rebel general officer. Winnie called this event, *"an emotional high for Charlie... and the prayers of his men mean as much as the medicine."* God bless you, Charlie, and keep on getting better!

1978
(HENRY HARRIS, II)

Scott Seeds now lives in Chantilly, VA, near Dulles Airport. He plans a trip to the AMA Museum soon to say hello to **Don Studer**. e-mail Scott at: smseeds@juno.com

1979
(ED ISKOW & TYROCK BUTLER)

Juan Ricardo Brcich is an architect in Buenos Aires. He is now working at a company which acquires and constructs mobile telephone and net point-to-point access to the internet. e-mail him at: brcich@yahoo.com. The webpage for his company is: http://www.torresard.com.ar

1980
(NO AGENT)

Bill Huegel sends us a new e-mail address: hue4@losch.net

1981
HONOR CLASS IN 2001
(TODD LIVICK)

Giuseppe Lanzellotti lives in Merida, Venezuela. You can e-mail him at: pepinol@hotmail.com

Major Todd Livick is Public Affairs Officer for the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Riley. He recently graduated from Command and General Staff Officer School while also receiving a master's degree in general administration from Central Michigan University .Todd has a new address: 114B Scott Place, Fort Riley, KS 66442. His parents, **Colonel Mal** and **Linda Roller Livick**, plan to visit Todd and his family for Thanksgiving.

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(CHRIS MEEK)

Gustavo Campos now lives in La Paz, Bolivia where he manages a telecommunications service company called SibCOMM Ltda. After AMA, he received an MBA from Troy State University. e-mail Gus at: campos@ceibo.entelnet.bo

Steve Reech was in the Band in '80-81 and on the lacrosse team. *"I was the goalie, but we didn't fare too well."* e-mail: stevereech@aol.com

Special thanks to special folks

The staff of the **Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center** has proven itself to be true friends of Augusta. The facility is headquarters for the annual AMA Alumni Association reunions, and the good people there go out of their way year after year to meet every expectation.

We want to express a special thanks to these special people at the Holiday Inn: Stephanie Clifton, John Koch, Wilma Brown, Susan Lowney, Bev Pelaccio, Doug Morris, and Jon Carroll. Take a bow, folks! We couldn't do it without you.

A special thank you also goes to Gary Buck of Color Creations. Gary povides many of the PX items such as t-shirts. Good job, Gary!

REUNION 2001
May 4-5-6

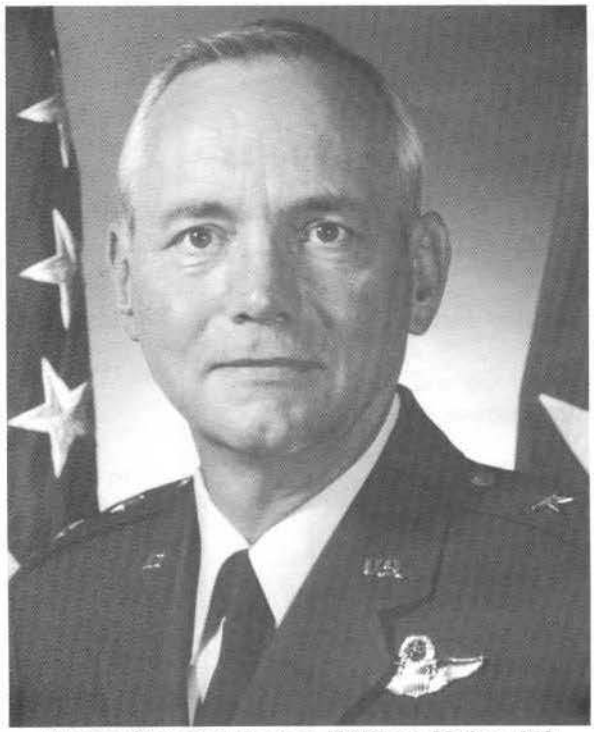
Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year

Spoke at Founder's Day during Reunion 2000

General James Meier, '58, passes away

Major General James W. Meier, '58, USAF, retired, who, during Reunion 2000, lead a tribute to the AMA men who were killed in the Vietnam War, has died from a brain tumor at his home in South Carolina. When he appeared at the reunion, he knew that he had the life-threatening ailment. He was buried with full military honors in Beaufort (SC) National Cemetery.

General Meier flew 77 combat missions in an F-4 during the Vietnam War. He attended B-52G combat crew training classes and later flew as an instructor-pilot. In 1970, Meier was assigned to the 390th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam where he flew his 77 combat missions. In his career, he had 4,400 flying hours.



Major General James William Meier, '58

In 1971-75, Meier was assigned to the staff of the commander in chief, Pacific. He went back to flying duties in 1977 with the 524th Bombardment Squadron as a B52-G aircraft commander and assumed command of the squadron in 1978. He later became Chief, Strategic Operations Division, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, stationed in Washington, DC. General Meier served as vice commander of the 416th Bombardment Wing, Griffiss AFB, NY in 1983-84, and then was commander of the 92nd Bombardment Wing, Fairchild AFB, WA.

General Meier's family has suggested that contributions to the AMA Alumni Association would be an appropriate tribute to his life.

He served as deputy director for operations, National Military Command System, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, in Washington, DC, and was named vice commander of the 15th Air Force in 1991. After he retired from the Air Force in 1992, he worked for Northrop Grumman with responsibility for research and development for the B-2 Stealth bomber. Since 1996, he had been an associate professor at Embry-Riddle University and had worked for Two Stroke International.

Many military awards

His military awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and 3 oak leaf clusters, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 service stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

At Augusta, Meier played football, baseball and basketball. He was a 1st lieutenant and marched with the Roller Rifles. Meier was an officer of the Cotillion Club and was consistently on the Academic Honor Roll. *(cadet photo on page 23)* He earned a BS degree from the Georgia Institute of Tech-nology in 1962 and a Masters in business administration in 1974 at Pepperdine University.

Jim was a native of Cleveland Heights, OH. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, the former Paulette Frierson; 2 grown sons, Christopher, of Baltimore, and Scott, of Atlanta; and a brother, **Jack Meier, '55**, of Bowling Green, KY.

Special thanks to special folks!

AMA gives special thanks to 2 friends, neither of whom is an alumnus, who have made significant contributions to our Alumni House and Museum.

Robert Shanks of ***Lone Pine Antiques and Lighting*** in the Dayton Farmers Market gave us lots of advice and considerable discounts on the lighting needs of the House. ***Stephen Valenta***, President of ***Total Office Productivity Solutions*** in Haymarket has donated a Canon copier.

A sincere thank you to Bob and Steve! And a request that AMA alumni patronize these businesses.

Were you in Band Company?

Were you in the Band when you were an AMA cadet? **Brett Thompson, '75**, wants to get as many former Band members back as possible for Reunion 2001. Were you in the Band? Contact Brett at bdt2@mindspring.com and watch future issues of *The Bayonet* for more details!

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✓ If you have any questions at all about either option, please call 540/248-3007.

NOTE: Some mutual fund companies require additional information from the donor, or other documentation before releasing the funds. Mutual fund transfers typically take longer to execute than stock transfers.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...

Those are the opening lines in Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. Those words also generally depict the atmosphere around the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

We have completed the remodel of the Roller-Robinson House. The current and permanent displays are all in place. We have many visitors who are travelling down the Valley Pike when they see the AMA Museum sign. There is a feeling of euphoria as guests and alumni tour the museum. You have the feeling that AMA never slipped away... the best of times.

The worst of times is when all the construction and remodel costs have to be paid. We are constantly draining our resources as we have explained at AMA Board meetings, general membership meetings, museum mailings, and in *The Bayonet*. The bottom line -- we need money NOW!

Please join those alumni and friends who have made commitments to help pay off these costs. Send money now! Look at the example, above, and see how you can benefit yourself and AMA with the gift of appreciated stocks. To those of you who haven't yet given, there is infinite space left for donors' names on the President's Council, the Roller Society, and the countless pavers that now are only blanks.

Hope to see you in our "mortgage free" Alumni House at Reunion 2001. If you have any questions, contact me or **John Henderson, '69**, Director of Planned Giving.

Frank

Frank Williamson, Chairman
AMA Alumni Finance Committee

Reunion 2001 to honor AMA athletes

Hall of Famer Jim Stillwagon, '67, to speak

REMARKABLE JIM STILLWAGON, '67, receives the Vince Lombardi Award from Vice President Spiro Agnew at ceremonies in Houston in 1971. Mrs. Lombardi approves the selection of AMA's Jim as the outstanding college lineman in all of college football. Jim played on 2 Rose Bowl teams for Ohio State (1969 and 1971), a fitting accomplishment considering the fact that Jim's AMA nickname was "Rose."

All-American **Jim Stillwagon, '67**, winner of the first Lombardi Trophy as the outstanding college football lineman and member of the College Football Hall of Fame will speak at Reunion 2001 to help honor AMA's great athletic traditions. The May 4-6 gathering will salute all Augusta alumni who participated in any school sport while a cadet.

"We will be saluting every cadet who played Peep, Tiger, JV or varsity sports, fenced, wrestled, swam, boxed, ran cross country, played tennis, fired on the rifle team, went out for track, played baseball, basketball, or football, soccer, lacrosse or any other sport while he attended AMA," says **Garry Granger, '71**, Chairman of Reunion 2001.

There will be group pictures for each sport played at Augusta. For example, a former captain of an AMA tennis team might assemble everyone who ever played tennis for AMA for a *Bayonet* photo.

Those who attend the reunion will have the opportunity of seeing new and vibrant displays in the AMA Museum. AMA Alumni Medal winners will be announced as will the winners of the AMA Legacy Scholarships at the annual Awards Banquet.

PART OF THE COLLECTION of hundreds of trophies earned by AMA teams over the years, in the AMA Museum.

A Cinco de Mayo and Kentucky Derby party will be featured as will a Saturday night dance. Golf, tennis and a sporting clay shoot will be just 3 of many athletic opportunities at Reunion 2001. A day trip on Friday will take interested attendees to New Market, scene of the famous Civil War battle in which VMI cadets participated. A visit to Endless Caverns is also in the works.

On Saturday, lunch in the AMA Gymnasium will be followed by Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery. The next 2 issues of *The Bayonet* will carry a full Reunion 2001 schedule and offer registration forms.

Mark down the dates now:

May 4-5-6, 2001
AMA Alumni Reunion

Board hears plans for reunion, foundation

The AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors met 16 September in the President's Room of Alumni House for the first time, a room sponsored by former AMA President **Mickey Gordon, '39.** *(photo on page 15)* The Board officially thanked Gordon for sponsoring the room and for giving $10,000 to the VMI Scholarship Fund.

There were extended discussions about the museum, which has drawn some 700 visitors since opening in May. The Board was told that there is a continuing urgent need for funds since only $186,000 has been raised while remodel expenses exceeded $300,000. AMA Treasurer **Duke Fancher, '58**, explained, *"We have not had to borrow money on the outside, but we have borrowed from our scholarship and general funds, and this money needs to be repaid."* **John Henderson, '69**, new Chairman of Planned Giving, presented a plan for raising needed funds.

President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, brought the board up to date on the creation of an AMA foundation. *"This requires the preparation of many documents which must be submitted to the IRS. We expect to have this done by the first of the year."*

Garry Granger, '71, Chairman of Reunion 2001, said that while several blocks of rooms have been reserved for the May 4-5-6 reunion, individual reservations should be made early because of conflicting area commencements. Reunion 2001 will honor AMA's athletic stars. One new feature with be a Cinco de Mayo party on the 5th of May.

PX Manager **Don Studer** reported nearly $10,000

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Do you belong to the 2,034?

There are 2,258 alumni on the AMA mailing list.

There are 224 alumni contributors listed on these 2 pages. Are you one of the 224?

Or are you one of the 2,034 who has yet to give?

Here are some questions for you. What was AMA worth to you? Did it change your life? Did you make friends there who are still your friends today? Did AMA prepare you for all the positive things you have accomplished in your life?

If you said yes to any of these, how can you turn your back on AMA when it needs your help?

If each of the 2,034 gave just $20, the AMA Alumni House and Museum could be completely outfitted and fully paid for. $20. You probably spend that much for beer and pizza, or a movie with popcorn and drinks.

Look at the list of your fellow cadets who have contributed. Look at how much some have given. All of us can't do what some have done, but $20? Is there one Augusta alumnus who can't afford $20?

The 2,034 is not a good outfit to belong to.

Won't you please send something -- right now -- to the AMA Alumni Association? There's an envelope with this issue that will safely carry your check or money order back to Fort Defiance.

Or pay by VISA or MasterCard. Give us your VISA or MasterCard number, the expiration date of your card, tell us how much you want us to charge to your card, and sign your name. That's all there is to it. We are counting on you. Thanks.

Fork Union cited

Military schools are making a comeback

In an Associated Press story, writer Joshua Kucera says that, *"Military schools, with their square notions of crisp uniforms and strict discipline, were once as trendy as a buzz cut... Today... the concept is making a comeback."*

The story reports that applications at Fork Union are reportedly up 15 percent. General John Jackson, a retired Air Force officer and Commandant at FUMA, said that parents are not finding discipline, spirituality, honesty and integrity in the public school system.

There are but 40 military prep schools left today while in 1950, there were 160. In Virginia, Fishburne, Randolph-Macon, Hargrave, Massanutten and FUMA are still operating. Miller School near Charlottesville is a non-military coed institution.

18 year old Jim Davis of Richmond was quoted as saying, *"Fork Union has done nothing but good for me... I was so lazy before, but being here, there is no time to be lazy."* He is taking a 5th year of high school to become eligible to play football for Virginia Tech next year.

Nonconformists don't do well

Michael Akers, also 18, from Charleston, WV, said, *"Fork Union has boosted my grades to a B average... It's not easy at all because you are disciplined. Nonconformists don't do well here..."*

Kucera says that very fact is the attraction to some parents. One parent remarked that public schools have slipped a lot... *"they have no discipline so they cannot teach."*

Some public school districts, including Richmond and Chicago, have turned to military education methods to improve ailing inner-city schools. Oakland, California Mayor Jerry Brown has proposed $1.3 million to open an Oakland-Alameda County Military Institute.

Two new military schools are in the works: the Virginia Naval Academy in King George County, Virginia and Oceana Naval Air Academy on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

Why Fork Union? There was no AMA

Garry Granger, '71, sent his son, Stephen, to Fork Union because, *"AMA was not an option."*

"After we determined that the public schools weren't working for him, we sat down one weekend and determined that Fork Union seemed a good idea...Several days later, after discussing it with friends at school, he came to me with, 'You're trying to get rid of me and ship me off.'"

Garry says he told his son that it would break his heart and his mother's to see him leave home, that going to a prep school was not a punishment, but a privilege, and finally he told him how much it was going to cost.

"He had too many choices in the public school -- play or study. At FUMA, when it was time to study, everyone studied...He graduated this year with a 2.9 GPA which is awesome for a kid who struggled in public school."

Garry remarked that the discipline at Fork Union was good for Stephen, *"though it wasn't what we had at Augusta. Reveille consisted of putting on your bathrobe and slippers, and stepping into the hallway outside your air-conditioned room...Drill was only a day or 2 a week..."*

Stephen has told his Dad that he now realizes that he had not been "shipped off" and that he needed the discipline and structure in his life.

"He never once called home begging to get out," says Garry.

At Fork Union, tuition, fees and uniforms run about $18,000 a year; about 15 per cent of the students receive financial aid. 98 per cent of FUMA's graduates go on to college, and about 20 per cent of those go to service academies or other military colleges, such as The Citadel and VMI.

102 year old Fork Union remains an all-male school. Fishburne is all male too, but has non-military summer classes for boys and girls. Hargrave, Randolph-Macon, and Massanutten are coed.

David York, '65, sent his son to Fishburne while **Lenny Pannell, '68**, sent his daughter, Tracey, to Massanutten. **Gary Granger, '71**, had his son attend Fork Union *(see box, left)*.

VMI reports 18 year high in applications

The Virginia Military Institute is reporting the highest number of entry applications since 1982.

Since General Josiah Bunting became superintendent in 1995, there has been a 40 percent increase in applications. That increase came even as the Army, Navy and Air Force occasionally failed to meet their recruiting quotas for the enlisted ranks, and as VMI went forward with its nationally scrutinized assimilation of women into the Corps of Cadets.

This fall, 412 "rats", including 24 women, are in the entering class. The 412 were winnowed from 1,263 prospects. VMI's success parallels that of the Marine Corps, the only branch of the service to consistently meet its recruiting quotas in recent years.

Says General Bunting, *"The Marines say, 'This is what we are. We're proud of it. We're not going to make accommodations or compromises'... We tell our applicants that VMI is very challenging, but if you come here and participate in the academic and military program, you're going to be on your way to becoming a very successful young person."*

Applications are reported to be "steady" for West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy, though "worrisome" to military planners..

At least $10,000 each

Five alumni "buy" rooms in Alumni House

Five AMA alumni have donated at least $10,000 each to the AMA Alumni House and Museum, each one "purchasing" a room in the remodeled 130 year old Roller ancestral home. The latest to make this welcomed contribution are **Mickey Gordon, '39**, and **Duke Fancher, '58**.

Gordon, a resident of Fort Defiance and former President of the AMA Alumni Association, is sponsoring the second floor meeting room at Alumni House. A plaque on the wall identifies the enclosure as "The Presidents Room", and is dedicated to "Presidents of the Association."

Fancher is sponsoring the west end of the "Big Room" where AMA uniforms and other AMA items of interest are displayed. The Fancher-Hamilton Room is in honor of his cousins, **Elbert Fancher Hamilton, '42, Harry Hanger Hamilton, '44, Thomas Trion Hamilton, '49**, and their mother, Hattie Wyatt Fancher Hamilton.

Earlier, **Bob Plecker, '40**, had agreed to be the patron for **Colonel Hoover**'s classroom while **John Jansing, '43**, has sponsored the newly refurbished cadet sleeping room. **Bob Bradford, '50**, and Nancy are sponsors of "Maggie Belle's parlor," the main front room.

Alumni and friends of AMA are invited to consider sponsoring other rooms in the house.

MICKEY GORDON, '39, has "purchased" the upstairs meeting room where the AMA Alumni Association Board held its 16 September meeting, above.

COLONEL HOOVER'S BLACKBOARD, above, in the classroom sponsored by Bob Plecker, '40. Note the famous Hoover quote about keeping the window closed. Below, a portion of the cadet room, sponsored by John Jansing, '43.

DUKE FANCHER, '58, has sponsored the Fancher-Hamilton Room in the AMA Museum, above. From left to right, 1930's fatigue coat and cape; 1950 coatee given by Bob Bradford, '50; display case of 1900-1929 AMA items; mess jacket, given by Jerry Wildman, '57; Eisenhower jacket given by Elliott Ridge, '59.

Will you consider buying a room?

The need remains. Will you consider "buying" a room in the AMA Alumni House and Museum?

For a contribution of at least $10,000, a room in the house can be named for you or someone you designate. A wonderful way to be remembered for as long as the grand old house stands.

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

Looking for a Recall? Or your old roommate? Look here! If you can help, contact Ed Click, 1462 Lee Highway, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-2010. Phone 540/248-0507

e-mail: grampso2@juno.com

John Corriere, '63, is looking for his old roommate, **Charles "Chuck" Hatfield**. Anyone know where Chuck is these days?

A Virginia attorney is being sought by **Chris Meek, '84**. You can e-mail Chris at: chrs132@cs.com

1964 ***Recall*** is needed by **Ken Davenport, '64**. He lost his copy in a cross-country move. Does anyone have an extra copy for Ken?

Was the **salute cannon** used at AMA between 1944 and 1955 a French 75? **George Maust, '48**, is trying to locate the cannon so it can be returned to AMA. Does anyone know where our old cannon is? Was it sold at auction? If so, who purchased it?

Ricardo Brcich, '79, is looking for **Rolando Bianchi**. Anyone know how to find him?

Cookie Goffigan, '48, is looking for **Curtis Lowe, '48**, who used to live in Jacksonville, FL.

Bunky Murray, '76, is looking for a 1976 *Recall*. He says he'll gladly pay for a yearbook or make a donation to the AMA Alumni Association.

Francis X. Fields, '48, is looking for other fellows from his class: **Manny Greenberg, Joe Adelberg, Ronny Sollod** and **Bob Fusselbaugh**. Does anyone know how to get in touch with these guys?

Do you have any *Recalls* that you don't need? Your AMA Museum is eager to get duplicate copies of all years. Do you have something for us?

Some recent ALUMNI HOUSE VISITORS

Jim Davis, '71, and his wife, Diane, of Richmond, came by after taking their son to Bridgewater College ☆ **John Wallace**, formerly a member of the PMS&T staff 1952-56, was a visitor ☆ **John Taylor, '42**, lives in Staunton, but is new to the AMA mailing list ☆ **Lucian Chappelle, '61**, is retired Army and now also back on our mailing list ☆ Cameron Davis, a Fishburne alumnus, enjoyed his visit ☆ **John Zirkle, '59**, came by from Lugoff, SC ☆ **J. C. Wright, '70**, drove over from New Castle, VA to see the museum ☆ **Chuck Pine, '49**, and Jean live in Winchester, and they were visitors in early September ☆ Cindy Schroeder, Shenandoah Valley representative for the Archaeological Society, visited the house to see the old stable found under the Mess Hall foundation ☆ Tim Phillips, SMA '74, President of the SMA Alumni Association, came by to see what we are all about! ☆ Other recent visitors include **Milt Gallier, '49**, from Richmond; John Lowe, a '49 SMA graduate; **B. J. Sipe, '85**, from Crimora, VA; **Albert Kalvin, '65**, from Orange City, FL; **Wayne Heulitt, '70**, and Ellen, from Mount Laurel, NJ; **Howard Peterson, '74**, and Fern, from Mount Sidney; **John Canavet, '63**, son of AMA Nurse **Molly Canavet**, from Grosse Ile, MI; John Lucus, son of **Colonel Herbert Lucus**; **Scott Seeds, '78**, from San Antonio; **Bruce Fullerton, '77**, from Springfield, VA; Neil and Jean Ogimachi of Eureka, CA, parents of **Shawn Ogimachi, '77**; **George Petty, '58**, and Anne, from Florence, AL; **Ralph Bradley, '61**, and Jackie, from Scottsville, VA; Doug and Tidge Roller of Staunton; **Ross Mitchell, '72**, of River Ridge, LA; **Rob Carson, '67**, and Enola, from Midlothian, VA; **Steve Reech, '84**, from Baltimore, MD; **T.C. Lea, '55**, and Frances, from Orange, VA; **Dr. Bob Linstone, '43**, from Punta Gordo. FL; Polly Webb Agner of Fort Defiance, daughter of **Colonel W. B. Webb**; **Julian Quarles, '35**, from Harrisonburg; **Steve Rodgers, '57**, from Davidsonville, MD; **Martin Ciadett, '59**, from Richmond; **Doug Driscoll, '72**, and family, from Columbia City, IN; **Randolph Hall, '66**, from Staunton; **Kevin Manning, '71**, from Monrovia, MD; **Leonard "Red" Strickler, '50**, and Bonnie, from Mount Sidney; **Michael Foster, '64**, and Robin, from Harrisburg, PA; **Herb Young, '37**, and Jane, from Williamsburg; **Bill Scarborough, '69**, and Sue, from Bayou Vista, TX; **Elliott Ridge, '59**, and Hope, from Hillsville, VA; **David Hunt, '59**, from Oceanside, CA; John W. East, son of **John H. East, '13**; **Wayne Vincent, '72**, from Baltimore; **Walter Quatmann, '61**, from Leesburg; **Trish** and **Ken Pfeifer**, AMA faculty, 1973-75; **John Tyminski, '76**, from Virginia Beach; **Chuck Hearn, '69,** from Charlotte, NC; **Ken Purks, '54**, from Bealeton, VA; Jonathan Bryant, a 1991 graduate of Miller School; Robin Marllels of Columbus, OH, daughter of **Clyde Bell, '41**; **Gary Paul, '68**, and Marsha; **Matt Bradbury, '66**, of Springfield, VA, son of **Howard Bradbury, '32**; **David Hussy, '70**, of Norfolk, who just started his own plumbing and heating business; and **Tom Austin, '61**, from Mount Sidney.

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Alumni, faculty members and friends of AMA are always welcome at the AMA Alumni House and Museum. For winter hours, phone 540/248-3007.

Editorial *(from page 2)*

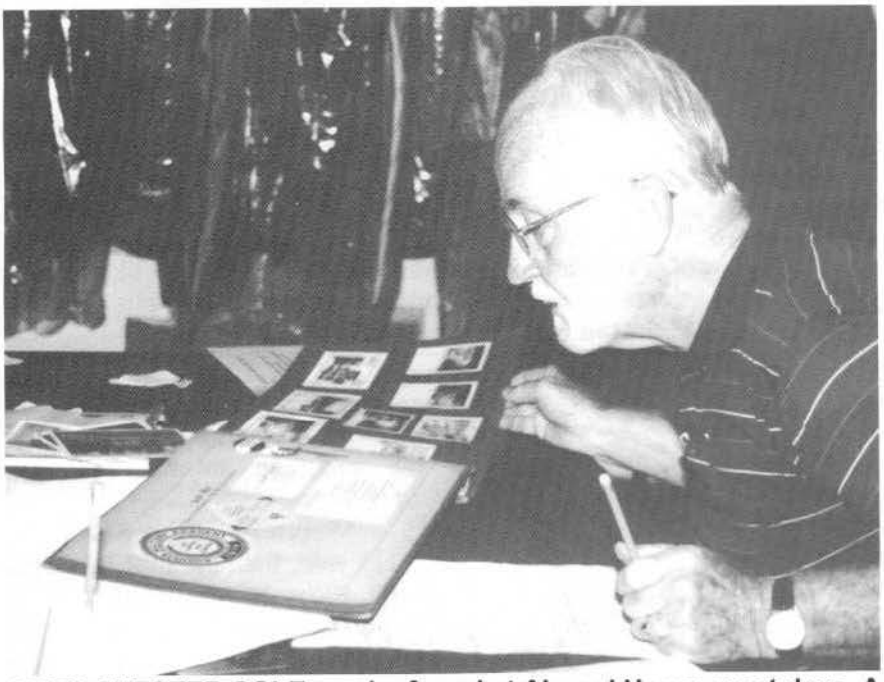
the past and the present, made all the more poignant because of the youth of those who once lived, studied and marched along its grounds. It is a testament to the enduring hope that imbues us all when we are young and strong and have not yet come to the sad realization that mortality will claim us, that strength will wane, that hopes can be turned to ashes by the passage of time and the crueler twists of history.

Write it down!
REUNION 2001
May 4-5-6

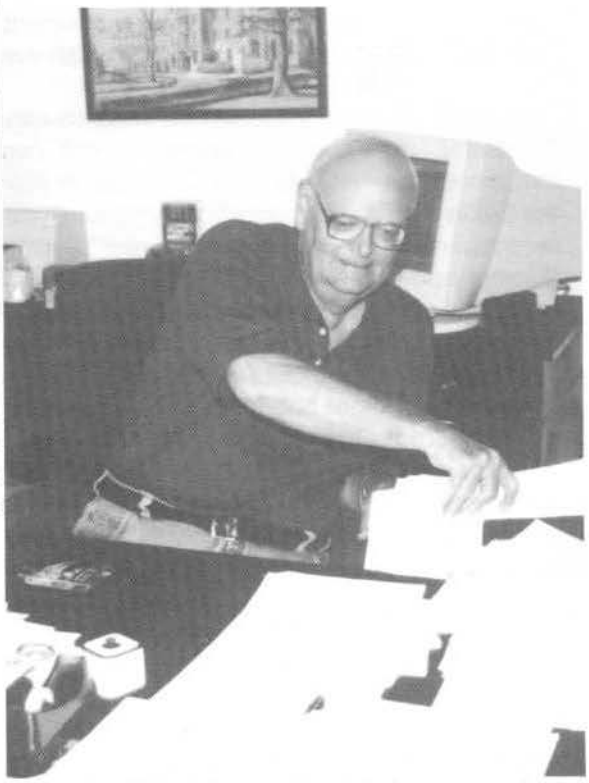
Volunteers keep Alumni House humming

ROD WILLEY, '51, AND SUE have performed just about every task at Alumni House. Here, they have just finished rearranging displays on the new billboard in front of the house.

GARY NICHOLSON, '70, prepares a "label" for an item in the AMA Museum. Gary regularly travels from his home in Dunkirk, MD, at his own expense, to help keep our Alumni House and Museum humming.



CHIEF CHESTER COLE can be found at Alumni House most days. A jack of all trades, here he is cataloging items which have been donated to the museum. In the background is an array of Augusta Military Academy uniforms from many generations of cadets.



DUKE FANCHER, '58, right, is another volunteer commuter. He lives in Arlington and comes to AMA every week for several days at his own expense. Duke says, *"There are not enough hours in the day or days in the week to get everything done."*

Can you help out? A day a week; a day a month. Helping hands are always needed. Please contact Duke Fancher at 540/248-3007. It's YOUR Alumni House!

Built railway across Ecuador

John Alexander Harman, Class of 1883

The handsome and resplendent young man pictured at right graduated from AMA 117 years ago, had a distinguished Army career following his graduation from West Point, and went on to build a railway across Ecuador before his premature death at age 41.

John Alexander Harman, 1883, was born in Staunton just 8 months after the Civil War ended. His father had been a full colonel in the Confederate Army, and doubtless knew **Professor Charles Roller**, AMA's founder. There is little information about John's time at Augusta, but a West Point publication describes him as "nervous and impulsive, but a true friend and generous to a fault."

Following his West Point graduation leave in 1887, 2nd Lieutenant Harman was assigned to the 7th Cavalry in the Montana Territory. He was detailed to Fort Riley, Kansas after which he served for 2 years before being named Professor of Military Science and Tactics (PMS&T) at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute (now Virginia Tech). While at VPI, he was a professor of mathematics and civil engineering in addition to his duties as PMS&T.

After 4 years in Blacksburg and a promotion to 1st Lieutenant, Harman was assigned to duty as Post Quartermaster at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Soon after, he was transferred to Fort Myer, Virginia, assigned to the 6th Cavalry. By 1897, he was the Quartermaster at Fort Myer. He was offered a detail on the Virginia governor's staff and a second detail to VPI, but he declined both, proceeding instead to Georgia in the general movement to concentrate the US Army for the coming Spanish-American War.

John Alexander Harman, 1883, in a photo likely made when he was commissioned in 1887 after having graduated from West Point.

Wounded in action.

In 1898, Harman was named *Aide-de-camp* to General S. S. Sumner, serving in that capacity throughout the war. He was wounded in action in the Battle of San Juan, outside Santiago, Cuba, and recommended for promotion to major by Generals Sumner and Wheeler for gallantry in action . Major Harman went on to serve as Chief Ordnance Officer for the 1st Division, and as Adjutant General and Inspector General.

Harman's brother had helped raise funds to build a railway from Guayaquil to Quito, Ecuador, the 2 cities being cut off from each other for 6 rainy months each year. The construction of the railroad was an engineering marvel for its day, and John resigned his commission in 1899 to become the General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Guayaquill and Quito Railway Company.

Major John Harman, 1899

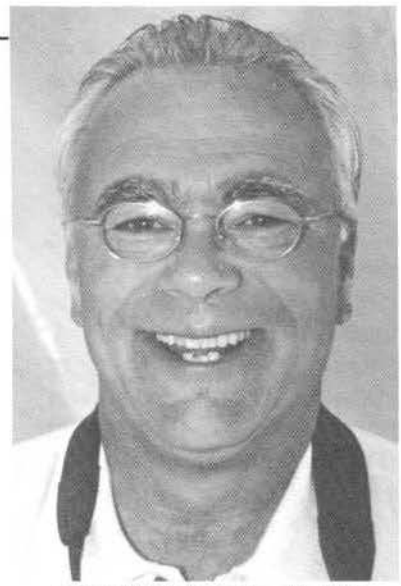
The railroad started in the steamy lowlands outside Guayaquil, went through tropical pineapple, banana and cacao plantations, through dense swamps, and up the snow-capped Andes using a number of zig-zag switchbacks to negotiate the unforgiving grade. The line then passed through a desert area of drifting sands and past Chimborazo, once thought to be the highest mountain in the world. Quito was finally reached in 1908, but Major Harman did not live to see his work completed.

Victim of Yellow Fever

His wife, then living at 50 Central Park West in New York City, received a telegram 7 February 1907 informing her that John had contracted Yellow Fever and the following day, a wire informing her that he had died. He was buried in the village of Huigra, hard by the "Railway in the Sky" he had helped to build. *The National Geographic* of February, 1934 did a story on John Harman's remarkable accomplishments. In 1920, Major Harman's son, Archer, became president of the railroad, selling it to the Government of Ecuador in 1925.

These wonderful pictures and commentary were provided by Katherine Brainard of Bethesda, MD, the great-granddaughter of Major Harman.

A letter from John Henderson, `69, newly appointed Coordinator of Planned Giving



John Henderson, III, '69

In May, I was asked to chair the Roller Society as the Planned Giving Coordinator. I accepted the office with unspoken reservations, as I consider the position extremely important to the future success of the AMA Alumni Association. As my former roommate will confirm, it sometimes takes a while for me to get started, but when I do, I am hard to stop!

I just returned from the fall board meeting in Fort Defiance. It was by any measure an informative meeting, proceeding in a marvelous cadence under the direction of **Goodloe Saunders**. As I pondered the history of the alumni association, I couldn't help but consider the sacrifices of people like **Gordon Metz, Rex Miller** and many more worthy, but too numerous to mention. I am sure that the proper expressions of gratitude will be forthcoming since we owe so much to so many over the years. God bless them!

The Roller Society advances in scope and in its ability to react to the desire of alumni to contribute. There will be more on this topic in the next *Bayonet* and on AMA's web page. I look forward to announcing the Roller Society's "Plans for Preservation."

The Good News

Goodloe and his able, worthy "Museum Masters" and "Prolific Publishers" -- the "**Duke**," "Commandant **Studer**," "**Chief**," **Bradford**, "the Wizard of Pen," Webman **d'Orsay**, and "Gimpy" **Nicholson**-- and the financial contributions of many have given us an Alumni House of which we can be proud. (If I failed to mention your names, pardon my frailty) I am so very proud to be associated with the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association! Thank you, gentlemen, for setting an example. You are giving many the opportunity of putting service above self.

Plans for Preservation

Goodloe announced that the documents to establish an AMA foundation are nearing completion. The foundation and its officers, yet unnamed, will serve as an important guide for our financial future. The action to create a foundation is most insightful and comes at an opportune time. This instrument will give every alumnus and friend of AMA a concise framework toward preserving the AMA Alumni Association. More exciting news about the foundation will be forthcoming.

The Roller Society will be planning its fund raising efforts within the framework of the foundation. I look forward to sharing the "Good News!" In the meantime, please feel free to contact me any time with ideas and questions about the Roller Society. Stay tuned to *The Bayonet* and the AMA web site for more details!

Sincerely,

John

John P. Henderson, III, '69

Roller Society signups reported

Four new members of the Roller Society have been announced by newly appointed Planned Giving Coordinator **John Henderson, '69**. This quartet of former cadets has pledged to leave *something* to AMA in the form of a will, bequest or some similar instrument.

The newest members of the Roller Society are **Frederick Henderson, '70. George Holt, '60, Jim McLelland, '60,** and **Scott Rosensteen, '71**. Thank you, fellows, for your faith in the future of the AMA Alumni Association!

France honors AMA World War I vet

The French government has given that nation's highest honor to a 103-year-old alumnus of AMA who now lives in a California nursing home.

Bernard Martinsen, '14, was awarded the National Order of the Legion. He served in the Allied Expeditionary Forces and was stationed in Paris in 1918. France announced "Project 1918-1998" 2 years ago to honor the valor of U.S. military personnel who served in Europe during the First World War. The project marked the 80th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, and US and French officials have been trying to locate the few surviving American WW I veterans to receive the decoration.

French Consul Gerard Coste made the presentation (photo at right) in late April at Martinsen's nursing home in Menlo Park, CA.

Martinsen joined the Army in early 1918 and got to France that Fall just before the war ended. *"The Germans heard I was coming, so they called off the war,"* he joked.

When Coste pinned the green and white star on a red ribbon on Martinsen's jacket, the old veteran simply said, *"Thank you."*

Martinsen lived through the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. His family moved to Washington, DC soon after, and Martinsen came to AMA for just a year (1913-14). After the war, the family returned to California where they have lived since.

Colonel Livick improving after mild heart attack

Colonel Mal Livick, commandant and superintendent of AMA in the school's final years, is recovering at home after having suffered a mild heart attack on the night of 14-15 September. He was at the University of Virginia Hospital for a few days before returning to White Hall to rest and recuperate. Get well fast, Mal!

No plaque for Vietnam War

AMA cadets killed in World Wars I and II, and the Korean War, were honored with front arch plaques, but there was no such recognition for the 9 Augusta men who were killed in the Vietnam War.

The plaques from the 2 World Wars and Korea now hang in rededicated glory in the AMA Museum *(photo at right)*. Eight alumni died in the First World War, an astounding 52 were killed in the Second World War, and 2 died in Korea.

Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, himself a Vietnam veteran, says, *"It is time for us to pay homage to the 9 fellows who died in Vietnam by placing a plaque in their honor. I am hoping that other men who served in Nam will join me in the effort to have a suitable memorial tribute displayed in our Alumni House and Museum."*

AMA alumni and friends who are interested in helping with the purchase of a plaque are urged to contribute what they can. Mail to: **VIETNAM**, c/o AMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

A PICNIC IN FORT DEFIANCE

If you hold a picnic, they will come! Very few ants showed up, but 110 AMA alumni and their families enjoyed a September picnic at the AMA Alumni House and Museum. It was the kind of fall day that every cadet will remember: cool and crisp as the day started, but hot in those wool pants by drill time!

Blue and white balloons festooned tents which were set up in The Triangle in front of Alumni House. Lynda and **Dave Conrad, '59**, provided the hot dogs, hamburgers and buns, and Dave and **Gary Nicholson, '70**, did the cooking to everyone's taste. Gary's Susan provided salads, and she stayed up past midnight the night before slicing tomatoes! **Garry Granger, '71**, showed up with fresh vegetables and freshly made salsa. Bev and **Frank Williamson, '60**, worked wherever they were needed.

Tom Austin, '61, saw to it that the lawn was mowed, and his wife, Twyla, has volunteered to help out at the museum on at least one Saturday a month. **John Henderson, '69**, and **Lewie Kennett, '72**, ran countless errands to see that all was in readiness when the picnickers arrived.

Joe Alexander, '28, represented the oldest class in attendance. Two alumni came from the last class, **'84: Strachan Carpenter** and **David Seay**.

Ben Zinkhan, '60, and

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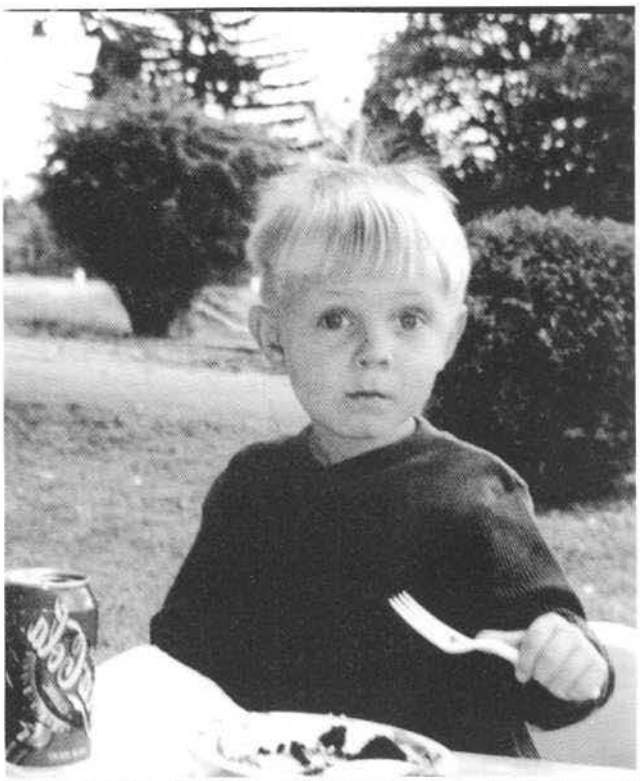

ANY MORE CAKE? - Caleb Hallberg and many other youngsters enjoyed the picnic. Caleb has just finished a piece of cake, cut from one of Tim Mizer's culinary triumphs, below.

JO AND JOE JOSEPHSON, he formerly of the Military Department and Coach of football, basketball and baseball.

THE LAST CLASS - Strachnan Carpenter, '84, at the picnic.

THANKS FOR HELPING US WITH OUR SHOPPING LIST

Quite a few people have asked:
"What do you need for the Alumni House and Museum?"
In the last issue, we printed a "shopping list."
Thanks to those of you who have donated
or paid for some items on our shopping list.

Look at the list below and help us if you can!
Before you ship anything to us, please call first at 540/248-3007.

Area rugs -- for storage room and kitchen
Cabinet for kitchen ($300*)
~~Copying machine~~
Donated by Steve Valenta
~~Cushions for parlor window bench~~
*Donated by Ida and **Frank Spencer, '49,** and **David Spencer, '76***
Dehumidifier for museum storage
~~Folding chairs (we need 35)~~
*Donated by **Dave Conrad, '59***
~~Label machine~~
*Donated by **Frank Williamson, '60**, and **Dave Conrad, '59***
Laminator ($250*)
Laser printer for office computer
Lawn and garden tools
Lectern ($100*)
Mannequins for uniforms ($128*)
13" color TV with built in VCR and automatic tape rewind
Museum display tables ($350 each / need 7)
Oriental rugs/runners for halls and stairs
Shades for 12 windows at $58 each
~~Shelving in storage area ($300*)~~
*Donated by **Bill Scarborough, '69***
~~Tool box with household/office tools~~
*Donated by **Mark Femrite, '72***
Track lighting fixtures - $26 each / need 15
~~Vacuum cleaner~~
*Donated by **Dave Conrad, '59***
Victorian furniture for parlor
~~White wicker furniture for front porch~~
*Donated by **Gary Nicholson, '70***

* Estimate

We can surely use your help!
Thanks - in advance.

Robert Hunter, 1937 *Recall*

Paul Hays, 1950 *Recall*

Eliot Parker, 1955 *Recall*

James Meier, 1958 *Recall*

Jorge Perez, 1966 *Recall*

Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to
The AMA Chaplain
Reverend Jim Lupton, '50
241 Riverview Street
Belhaven, NC 27810
252/943-6318

Charles Lester Craun, '22

2 July 2000, at Priest River, ID, age 98. Native of Fort Defiance who attended AMA with brothers **Paul**, of Gaithersburg, MD, and **Russell**, of Sedona, AZ.

David R. Jones, '33

11 August 2000, at Carolina Nursing Home in Greensboro. Resident of High Point. Graduate of Virginia Tech where he played varsity football and baseball. Official at U.S. Department of Agriculture until 1942. Deck officer of *USS Henrico* in World War II; participated in 4 invasions, 2 in Europe (Normandy and Southern France), and 2 in the Pacific (Okinawa and The Philippines); received Purple Heart on Okinawa. Joined Burlington Industries after the war, retiring in 1973 from a management position. At AMA, played varsity baseball and varsity football; President, Monogram Club; Honor Committee; 1st Sergeant, Headquarters Company. Survived by a daughter, Susan McNeely of Mooresville, NC; a son, David, Jr., of Greensboro; and 4 grandchildren.

Colonel Robert F. Hunter, '37

9 June 2000, at Lexington, VA, age 79. Retired Professor of History at VMI where he taught from 1954 until 1986. Former head of the Department of History and Politics, and the coauthor of a book about Claudius Crozet for the VMI sesquicentennial celebration. Graduate of Washington and Lee University, 1942. Naval aviator in the Pacific Theater during World War II, 1942-46. Taught at Elon College, Towson State University and the University of Baltimore before coming to VMI. Served on the boards of the VMI Library and Habitat for Humanity. At AMA, 1st Sergeant, Company D; participated in intramural athletics; Honor Roll, rifle team. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Anne Flora; 3 sons, Charles of Lexington, David who lives in Turkey; and John of Blacksburg; 2 daughters, Nancy Goehring of La-Grange, PA, and Jane Hunter Frazier of Roanoke; and 10 grandchildren.

Charles Fogle, '39

19 September 2000, in Los Angeles, of pneumonia. He helped create "Captain Video" TV series, and wrote for such TV shows as "Perry Mason," "The Twilight Zone," and "Bonanza." In 1949, Fogle accepted a producer's challenge to create a science-fiction series for TV. He came up with "Captain Video" which ran until 1956. In later life, he ran a school for stand-up comedians in California. World War II service with the Office of War Information. Survived by 4 sons, Lawrence of Santa Clara, CA; Robert of Richmond, VA; Peter of Novato, CA, and Michael of Great Falls, VA.

Paul Neil Hays, '50

4 June 2000, in Longmont, CO, age 64, heart attack. Executive computer programmer for various companies in California and Colorado. Graduate of Lawrenceville Preparatory School and Georgia Tech. US Army. Hometown: Waynesboro. Survived by his wife, Gail, daughters Wendy and Kimberly, a sister, Marjorie, and his grandmother, Mrs. Edward Bonfoey of Staunton. Reported by **Richard McLaughlin, '48**, and **Linda Roller Livick**.

Eliot V. Parker, '55

April 2000, in Mockville, NC. West Point graduate. At AMA, 1st lieutenant of A Company; Roller Rifles; varsity football; rifle team; Honor Committee; Cotillion Club; Decorating Committee. Reported by **T. C. Lea, '55**.

Major General James Meier, '58

10 August 2000, at home in Helena Island, SC. *(see story on page 9)*

Jorge Perez, '66

3 May 1998, at North Miami Beach, of kidney cancer, age 51. Graduate in business administration from St. Thomas University. For 27 years, a supervisor with Baxter International Laboratories. Survived by his wife of 30 years, Yolanda, who wrote, *"Jorge always said that the best thing that ever happened to him in his life was going to AMA."* Also survived by 3 daughters, Lourdes, 30; Maggie, 28; and Marite, 14; and 2 grandchildren, Max and Jorge, Jr. (who was born after Jorge, Sr. had passed away.)

Jack R. Harris, '77

Date and circumstances of death unknown.

Mrs. Michael Edwin Kivighan

Kathryn Kivighan, widow of former AMA faculty member **Michael Edwin Kivighan**, passed away at home in Madison Heights, VA 15 April 2000. Her husband died in 1991.

HONOR CLAS

CLASS OF 1941 - Cadets pose in front of a training plane. Before and during World War II, a number of cadets learned to fly at airports near Fort Defiance. Can anyone help us identify the cadets in this photo?

CLASS OF 1951 - The Christmas D
Gymnasium

CLASS OF 1976 - Bruce Hoffman and Colonel Hoover at the Thanksgiving dinner.

CLASS OF 1971 - Mark Femrite, George M
Haleamau check out the goodies at a W
senior year.

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nce, 30 November 1950, in Memorial

CLASS OF 1961 - Roommates in 216: Dave Wetty, Bob Hundley, Cal Fagley and Paul Causby. According to the '61 *Recall*, these guys had 3 interests -- good grades, football and girls, not necessarily in that order!

CLASS OF 1981 - The 1980-81 fencing team. Unfortunately, we have no identification for any of the cadets in the picture. Who can help us out?

IcCoach, Rick Maschak and Karl /hite Hall reception during their

Six AMA classes will be honored at Reunion 2001. The decennial classes are 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981.

In addition, the Class of '76 will mark its 25th anniversary.

Alumni for these classes are invited to contact their Class Agents to plan class events during the reunion. Class Agents are listed in the Class Notes section of *The Bayonet*.

If your Honor Class does not yet have a Class Agent, please consider volunteering. The AMA Alumni Association will give you lots of help in reaching the fellows in your class.

Class of '71 has big plans

Class Agent **Garry Granger, '71**, says he has letters going to his class trying to get all of them back for their 30th anniversary at Reunion 2001. There were 42 graduates in 1971 and 39 are on the AMA mailing list.

"Because it is our 30th anniversary, we are trying to get 30 of our class back to the Reunion," says Granger. The class has decided to donate money for a digital camera and museum software which will be given to the museum. The total amount of their pledge. *"Why, $2,001, of course,"* says Granger. Garry says he is getting help from Classmates **Ron Melcher, Mark Femrite, Rich Maschak,** and **Andy Becker**. *"We're going to do something unique to make our gathering memorable... something yet to be determined... and maybe even a little scary!"*

e-mail: GGranger@FreshAdvantage.com

Livick has strategy for '81

Major Todd Livick, '81, has contacted all the known members of his class, advising them that Reunion 2001 will be honoring the 20th anniversary of their class.

"It's going to be a weekend of renewed friendship," says Livick. *"There will be true Southern hospitality and a chance to tour the new AMA Alumni House and Museum."*

Todd, who is stationed at Fort Riley, KS, asks that anyone who is in the Class of '81, or who knows someone in the Class of '81, to contact him at 785/717-2766, or by e-mail at: livickt@riley.army.mil.

Jim Mitchell to call '76 alums

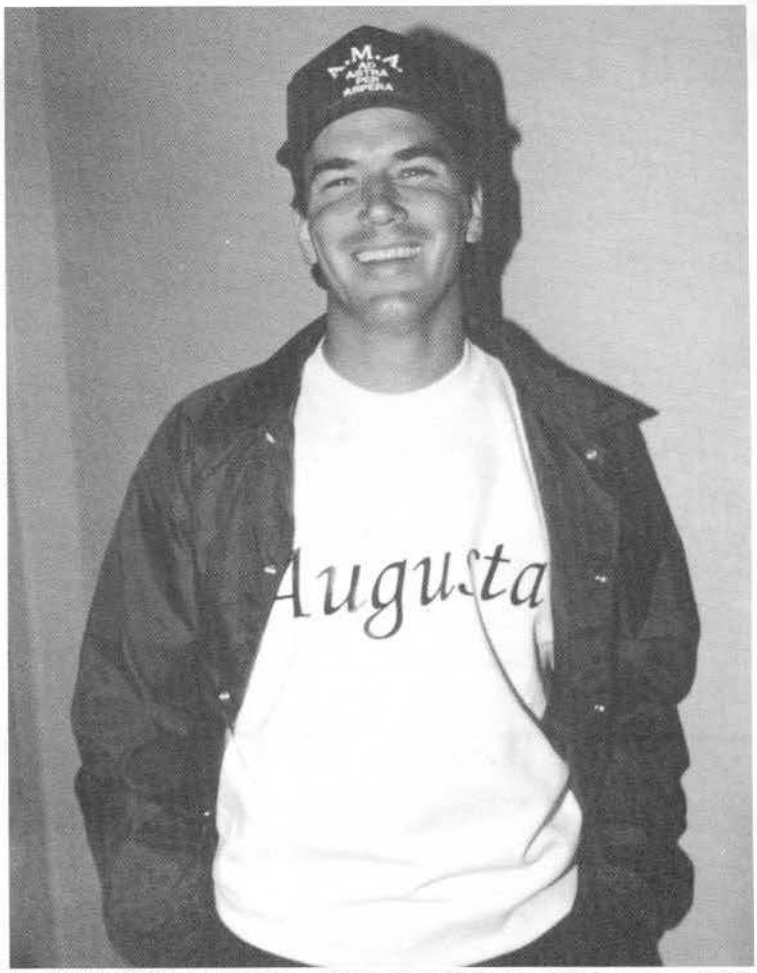
Jim Mitchell, '76, plans a personal phone call to every known member of his class, urging each to come back to Fort Defiance for their 25th anniversary.

Jim, who owns and operates a restaurant in Pittsburgh, wants to have a good showing from his class. *"No reason we can't have 25 guys back for the 25th reunion"*, says Mitchell. *"A lot of things have happened to each of us in the 25 years since we graduated, and Reunion 2001 will be a great time to get caught up. It will also be wonderful to see the new museum and to be there the year AMA salutes all its great athletes."* e-mail Jim at: mitchburgh@aol.com

Starr to spur '51 classmates

Ed Click, '50, keeper of the AMA rolls, has sent the names and addresses of the Class of '51 to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from whence **Hap Starr, '51**, will spur his classmates to attend their 50th anniversary reunion next year.

It will be the Golden Anniversary for the Boys from '51, a unique time to relive days at Augusta and to bring everyone in the class up-to-date on everything that has happened in the intervening half century.



A WALKING LOGO! - Rob Parrish in AMA cap, AMA coach's jacket and AMA sweat shirt. Interested? See the new AMA PX catalog in the center of this issue. Order now to assure Christmas delivery!

Do you know how to reach anyone from the Honor Classes of 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1976 or 1981? If so, please let us know so they can be contacted about Reunion 2001. Thanks!

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CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!

AMA in World War II

"From here, we marched off to war"

Late afternoon shadows blanket the blacktop in front of Big Barracks. On the walk leading up the hill to the AMA Alumni House and Museum, the declarations of love and remembrance chiseled into the border bricks are highlighted by the setting sun. Here, one can read of great deeds and paramount sacrifice:

In memory of **Colonel John Mathews, '26,** the highest ranking officer in the 1st Division to be killed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. In honor of **Jack Manch, '38**, who flew with the Doolittle Raiders in the first U.S. bombing raid on Japan. In memory of **Elbert "Unk" Hamilton, '42**, who died on the 4th of July, 1944 from wounds he received when he parachuted behind German lines on D-Day.

And a paver purchased by **H. L. McCawley, '43**, which reads:

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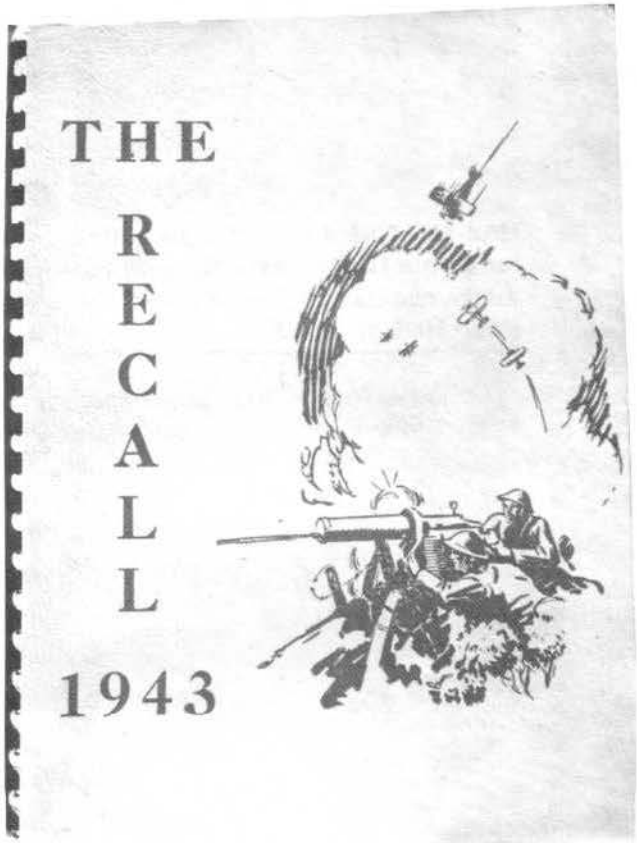
we marched off to war.

How did World War II come to Augusta Military Academy? How did the Japanese bombs which fell on American ships in Pearl Harbor reverberate in Fort Defiance, thousands of miles away?

Worthington Mahone, '42, recalls that in the fall of 1941, many AMA faculty members and old cadets were concerned about what was going on in the world. *"Many of the faculty members had reserve commissions, and the older AMA cadets also worried about the shape of things,"* he says. **Ott Heilman, '42**, says, *"I thought of Japan as being very far away from the United States. I knew they made inferior products which they sold here, but I never dreamed they would dare to attack the United States."*



THE 1943 *RECALL* was "done on a shoestring" with good paper hard to get and the Cadet Corps reduced in size. In a tribute to World War II servicemen, the cover picture seems to be of servicemen and planes from the first World War.

The 7 December 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor produced varied reactions at AMA. Mahone said the first question on most lips was: *"Where is Pearl Harbor? and what did they attack? I'm not sure we all understood at first that this meant we were at war."*

Mood quickly changed to anger

For the United States, mired in a worldwide depression, the talk of far away battles had little appeal. How to get a job and feed the family was the first priority. But as it sunk in that Pearl Harbor was an American Naval Base and that many hundreds of Americans had died in the sneak attack, the mood changed quickly.

Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis, '43, remembers that he and his roommate, **Grant Preston, '43**, were waiting to hear a Redskins game on the radio. *"Someone told us about the attack, and we all ended up in a Tower room where **Major Deane** and **Captain McCue** were answering questions about what all this meant for us and for the school."* **Dr. John Baumgardner, '42**, recollects that *"we all then understood that we were now at war."*

Earl Cabaniss, '43, a CW, was cleaning up the Mess Hall. *"We hurried to get our radios turned on,"* Cabaniss recalls. **Angus Hines, '42**, remembers coming back from services at the Stone Church and hearing the news when he came into the Mess Hall. *"**Billy Haycox, '42**, and I were roommates in 320, and because I had a Hallicrafters radio, we soon found our room filled to overflowing, with cadets crowding around on the stoop outside our door to listen to the latest developments, which were very slow in coming."*

Tom Warner, '44, was in the PX when the news flash came. **Charles Robertson, '42**, was on guard duty and heard the news over the radio in the Guard House. And **Bob Guggenheimer, '43**, was in the Infirmary with a bad case of dysentery, abetted by some apples **Major Roller** had given the Corps. *"**Mother Mac**, the AMA nurse, came around comforting us, giving us assurance, thinking first of 'her boys.'"* **Bill Stuart, '43**, asked the PMS&T how long he thought the war would last. *"Long enough for you to be in it,"* was the gloomy response.

Hines recalls Major Roller coming into the courtyard to make an *"official announcement about the attack."* Mahone says he can't remember what the Big Boy said that day, *"but it was inspiring to this young man."*

On Monday 8 December, there was much talk about enlisting. *"'Go get 'em!' was our attitude,"* says **Dr. George Solan, '43**. Cabaniss remarked that every cadet knew that

sooner or later, he would be called to active duty. Hines says, *"A number of cadets tried to enlist in the week after Pearl Harbor, but they were discouraged by cooler heads who urged that they finish their school year."* Robertson was only 16 and couldn't get in the service, *"but some older kids left AMA to sign up..."*

Guggenheimer says that Major Roller, **Captain Hoover** and other faculty members convinced most of the Corps to stay in school, indicating that they would be of more vital use to the country if they finished their military training at AMA and went into officer training when called to active duty. Many alumni did go to OCS and came by Augusta on their way to a new assignment. When a former cadet (such as **Bruce Melcher, '45**) came back to AMA, he was presented to the Corps in the Mess Hall or took a salute as the Corps passed in review.

HAS HIS EARS ON - Angus Hines mans his Hallicrafters from which many cadets got the news of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Mahone says the mood of the Corps was *"pretty somber"* in the winter and spring of 1942. *"Major Deane was called to active duty... If you were 18 or 19, you knew your days were numbered."* In the fall of 1942, Congress lowered the draft age to 18. *"That pretty much cleaned out the Classes of '43, '44 and '45,"* McCawley remembers.

Intense patriotism rampant

"I have never before or since seen such patriotism," says Stuart. *"Instead of trying to find ways to get out of going into the service, we tried to find ways to get in, even if we were underage."* Hines says, *"The excitement was quite high... and we were quite angry with the Japanese."*

"There has not been such intense patriotism in this country since World War II began," says Heilman.

The nation geared up for a war that would see 300,000 of its men killed in action, but what a different nation it was. Only the war itself brought an end to the Great Depression. Anyone born much after 1930 cannot possibly understand fully why Tom Brokaw called that period: *The Greatest Generation*, the generation that survived the hardships of the '30's only to go off to war, then come back to build the America we all cherish today.

There were no shopping malls in 1941; people drove or walked "downtown" to buy groceries. America had more cars than any other country in the world in 1940, but the rule was the same for bathrooms: one to a family. Nearly everyone had a radio -- again, one to a family. (At the end of the war, there were more radios than there were indoor bathrooms in the US.)

Things began to disappear from store shelves as the war machine gobbled up more and more. Cigarettes were scarce, and people learned to roll their own. Pinehurst Cigarettes, the joke went, were 50 percent tobacco and 50 percent manure (some surmised there was no tobacco at all in a Pinehurst, and the wags said, "Smoke a Pinehurst, and get a cedar chest!")

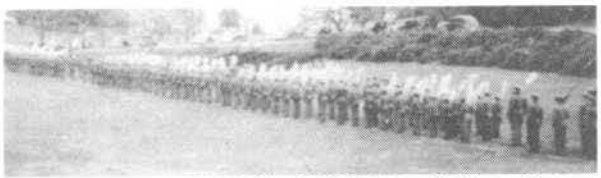
Ration stamps were necessary for meat, butter, sugar, coffee, gasoline, tires, and shoes. Men's pants were made without cuffs to save material the military needed. There were tin can collections and scrap rubber drives while housewives salvaged the grease from cooking. There were no new cars; the automobile companies were making tanks and airplanes. There were no new homes, no new washing machines, no new tires to replace the worn ones (with their patched inner tubes) on the old car.

RATIONING - Many items, such as meat, were rationed. Civilians were given ration books allowing them to buy rationed items when those items were available.

Dr. Solan said, *"We were accustomed to the hardships of the Depression, so if there were shortages at AMA, I never knew about them."* **Turner Dozier, '44**, remembers shortages *before* he came to AMA: *"It was difficult to get tires for the family car and we had to get ration cards for various foods... but AMA didn't seem to be too much affected since they had sheep, cows and chickens."* **Bill Tuminella, '43**, also said that AMA had plenty of food. *"The Rollers had apple orchards, chicken farms, and other crops and animals to feed the Corps... One night, several of us were detailed to butcher a hog behind CW Barracks. That was a real experience!"*

Farm hands had gone off to war

Why would a cadet be called upon to slaughter a hog? **Colonel Jim Pigg, '46**, said the problem the Rollers had was not a scarcity of food, but finding men to work the farms. *"All the farm hands were off at war. Cadets were asked to help*



THE ONLY KNOWN PHOTO of the Corps marching with pillowcase-clad broomsticks. From the 1943 *Recall*.

out... they didn't have to, but many did for 10 or 15 cents an hour." Pigg said that when cadets reported to school, they turned their ration books over to AMA, then got them back when they went home.

"Gas rationing never kept Bob Guggenheimer from taking us to Fishburne and Bridgewater for track meets in the AMA bus," Dr. Solan says. Tuminella went to AMA on a football scholarship, and said there was always enough gas for the school bus to take the team to away games. He also said that AMA continued to have its scheduled dance sets, and dates would come from Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and Staunton in their own transportation.

In 1941, Augusta Military Academy cadets carried the Springfield .03 bolt action rifle. The Army soon recalled these weapons for distribution to American troops until the new M-1s were available. Tuminella says that for a few AMA Sunday parades, *"We carried broomsticks with pillow cases over the straw part... Major was going to have his parade whether or not we had rifles. Later, we got wooden dummy rifles which looked much better."* (AMA cadets were issued M-1's in the fall of 1945)

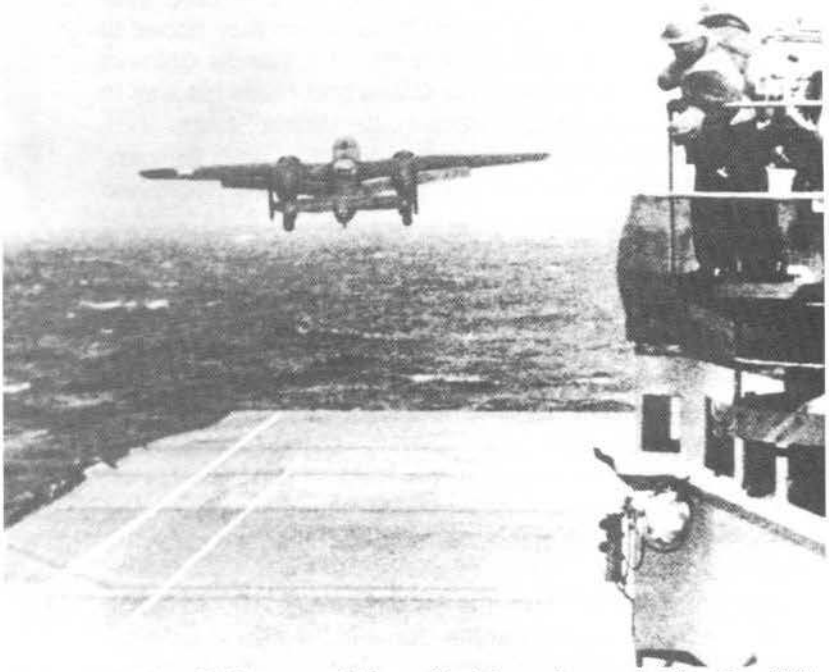
Pigg says AMA did get 2 genuine World War I water cooled .30 calibre machine guns and a discarded 37mm anti-tank weapon.

L. C. "Smiley" Collingwood, '43, says that the AMA hat emblem had to be changed because the French enamel that made up the blue and white colors was no longer available. Pigg says there was a major shortage of cadet uniforms and uniform parts. *"We were issued used items because nothing else was available. Major Roller initiated a drive to ask alumni to donate their uniforms to the school. Swords, belt buckles and such just weren't available except for hand-me-downs."*

Barracks filled to capacity

Walter Holt, '44, arrived at AMA in September of 1942, having taken a train from North Carolina to Richmond and thence to Staunton. *"These wartime trains were crowded with servicemen and all were standing room only,"* says Holt.

COLONEL WARREN ROBINSON and eager AMA cadets greet Captain Jack Manch on his return to the campus after the Doolittle Raid. (1944 *Recall*)



ON 18 APRIL, 1942, one of the attacking planes in the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo takes off from the deck of the *USS Hornet*. Jack Manch, '38, piloted one of the B-24's.

"The school was filled with cadets whose fathers were stationed in the military in and around Washington... there were 3 or 4 men in every 2-man room."

Pigg says that the barracks were filled to capacity for the first time since the Depression began -- more than 350 in the fall of 1942. *"140 first year cadets entered with me that fall. 57 seniors graduated in June of '43... and only 12 new cadets who entered with me stayed to graduate in 1946."*

Melcher recalls the many truck and weapon convoys that passed by Augusta on the way to Norfolk. Pigg says that with the Army deploying forces for the invasions of North Africa and Europe, *"the convoys used Route 11 to get to Norfolk. Many fathers and brothers of cadets would leave the convoy long enough for a last visit with a son or brother."*

Dozier says, *"We were far from the killing fields, but we rode an emotional roller-coaster. We watched the heroics in the newsreels in the Big Room, and heard the dreadful reports of the deaths of **Dave Eborn** and **"Spotty" West** It seemed these fellows had just left Fort Defiance... how could they be dead, and so quickly?"*

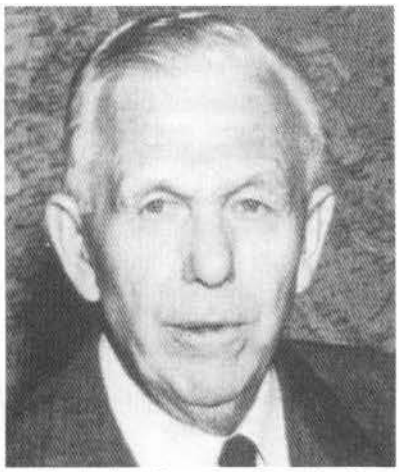
But AMA had the opportunity of saluting a real life hero too. "Shorty" Manch had co-piloted a plane on the famous Doolittle Raid on Tokyo in April of 1942, a daring exploit since the B-24's took off from the carrier *USS Hornet*, and had no fuel for the return trip. They were to drop their bombs on Tokyo and fly on to China where they hoped to land in or bail out over territory held by friendly Chinese troops. Manch bailed out over China and made his way to friendly forces, and finally back to the United States.

"One event I will never forget happened," says Guggenheimer. *"The Big Boy gathered us all in the Big Room and told us about the Doolittle Raid... and that an AMA boy had flown one of the planes. He had a large, framed picture of a B-24 and, his voice trembling, Major gave an emotion-charged talk about Jack Manch. At the end, he saluted the picture with tears streaming down his face, and many of us had tears in our eyes as well."*

Colonel Rutland Beard, '42, said that when he graduated in June of 1942, *"We did not yet know that Shorty Manch had been in the Doolittle Raid."* Shorty's father, **Major Martin Manch**, was an AMA faculty member and director of the AMA Band. To say that Shorty's return to AMA was exciting for the Corps would be classic understatement. Melcher remembers that when Manch came home, he spoke to the Cadets Corps in the Mess Hall. Holt said that many cadets decided to join the Army Air Corps after hearing Manch's talk. Dozier had more than a passing interest in what Manch had to say: *"I was doubly fascinated because my stepfather was bandmaster on The Hornet, and survived when the ship was sunk."* Melcher also recalls that Manch spoke of an AMA alumnus nick-named "Hound Dog" who was a member of the *Hornet*'s crew.

Don't take away my best teachers

From time to time, Major Roller would talk with his VMI Roommate from 1900-01, **General George Marshall**, Chief of Staff of the Army throughout World War II. Major wrote a now famous letter to Marshall when Captain Cyrus McCue was called to active duty. *"How can I run a school preparing boys to serve if you take away my best teachers?,"* the Big Boy asked. Captain McCue went anyway.



General George Marshall

Roller also complained when the ROTC staff was cut. *"We had only one officer and 2 NCO's, and they were there because they had health problems and could not go overseas,"* Pigg relates.

Dozier received a $250 War Bond for a patriotic essay, a princely sum in the '40's. *"The war years were times of dedication on the Home Front. Someone bought a bond and gave it to Major as first prize... Major awakened me from a deep sleep one night to tell me that I had won the contest. He had me read 'What it Means to be an American' to the Corps next day.*

I think they liked Jack Manch's speech much better."

Dozier also said that *"we cadets were too busy fearing Major Roller to fear the war. But there was purpose to everything we did. As we marched in a downtown parade, we possibly imagined ourselves marching into some bombed-out city to save the besieged populace."*

Guggenheimer said that cadets began to take their training more seriously after Pearl Harbor. *"We all realized we might be in battle someday. There seemed to be less horseplay... The first reports of AMA cadets who had been killed or wounded made lasting impressions on us all."* Tuminella said that Major Roller required every cadet to send a letter to their parents on Sunday night. *"He told us there was enough worry for our parents about the war without them worrying about us too."*

Brought the war home

Dozier said that his role model was a cousin, Councill Garrett, an Army fighter pilot reported missing in action over the Hump (the Himalayas). *"He was missing for weeks, and I was devastated. But, thank God, he had been rescued by Chinese troops after the Japanese had shot down his plane. This (experience) really brought the war home to me."*

The 1942 *Recall* was leather bound in deep maroon with white piping. By 1943, paper and leather shortages coupled with a smaller Corps brought striking changes in that year's *Recall*. Collingwood says that the 1942 yearbook staff was composed of a dozen cadets with **Frank Beam, '42**, as editor. The '43 edition had a much smaller staff directed by Bill Stuart with **Jack Jansing, '43,** as the business manager. Guggenheimer remembers discussions about whether to have a *Recall* in 1943. *"We finally decided to have one, but we did it on a shoestring..."* The cover was reduced to a medium weight stock board with a flexible plastic binding. *"We had trouble with photographs because the quality of the paper was so poor,"* Collingwood recalls. *"Yet,"* says Guggenheimer, *"to this day, the 1943 Recall is one of my most prized possessions."*

Mahone says that Graduation Day 1942 was *"a bitter-sweet and emotional time. It was the last time we were all together, and most of us would be in a different uniform before the year ended."* But September came and Mahone had not been called up, so he asked Major Roller if he could come back to AMA to take some post-graduate

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V MAIL from the War

Many unit commanders in World War II said that the most difficult task facing them was writing a letter to a parent or a wife about the death of a son or husband. Later wars made this duty no more appealing.

Surviving in the Augusta Military Academy school records are letters from parents telling **Colonel Tom** or **Major Charles Roller** that a son had been killed or wounded in the war. Also surviving are some of the responses from The Big Boy. They tell of a time not remotely understood by those who were not alive then.

Francis Godfrey Wishart, '43

In September of 1945, Major Roller received a letter from Wishart's mother, saying: "With great regret I tell you that my son, a graduate of your school in 1943, has been missing since February 7... his plane having caught fire and descended into the North Sea. My boy and his crew flew over our house twice on his way overseas. We had telegraphed him to come home as his father was dying... Now, I have lost my husband and my son in just 3 months. All I can say is that only we mothers who receive the word "missing" really know how terrible it is..." *(Sergeant Wishart's body was never recovered, and his status was later changed to "Killed in action.")*

Frank Crummet, Jr., '41

Crummet wrote a letter to Major Roller from the 464th School Squadron at Moody Field, GA: "I have been working hard since I got back from my furlough on an airplane inspection crew. We do all but build a new airplane out of the old one... I took an Airplane Mechanic Exam, passed it and got a raise to $96 a month...

"Major, I've been doing a lot of serious thinking lately and I can see that everything you said and did for me was for my own good. I appreciate the time you took to bawl me out or give me punishment because it taught me to take it, and that's what it takes in the Army... I will write you again soon and spill everything I know... Please give my regards to **Mrs. Roller** and **Linda Moorman**..."

Crummet was later killed in action.

Hubert Ellenberger, '41

Ellenberger had hoped to go to West Point. Just a month after he left AMA, he wrote to Colonel Tom: "I am sorry to inform you that I failed to pass the West Point examinations, but the mathematics were too far above my head. Please forgive me. I wanted to go to West Point, but I failed miserably. I hope you will forgive me for letting you, Major, and the school down..."

BEFORE THERE WAS E-MAIL, there was V-Mail. To save space, soldiers overseas wrote heavily censored letters which were put on microfilm, sent home, then enlarged to 4X5 inch prints to be put into the conventional U. S. postal delivery system. The logo encompassed the Morse Code for V (...-) -- V for Victory.

Ellenberger was killed in Italy in 1943 and Major Charles Roller wrote to his mother: "My heart goes out to you. I have traveled the same road that you are traveling now and I know that for several years your traveling companion will be sorrow and sadness... but I want you to know as a man who has been down in the depths that time is a great healer... just give God and time a little while and there will be sunshine coming back to you.[1]

"Hubert and I were great pals. He was a mischievous boy, but I thought so much of him that I gave him the greatest recommendation we have for West Point. He was a fearless boy who was willing to do more than his part. When the facts become known, I suspect that his death was caused by his helping someone else.

"I will quote you a verse that is on my son's tombstone: *There are happy dreams the heart holds dear. Sweet dreams of long ago and sacred tears for the perishable joys that will return no more*. May the great God with His infinite love for all suffering people bring you comfort and peace."

Hubert's obituary ended with the following chilling sentence: "Lieutenant Ellenberger's family includes one brother, William, aged 18, who was inducted into the Army last Saturday and will leave the city September 25..."

Charles Redgrave, '40

Major wrote to Redgrave in December of 1940: "We have both ground school and flying school at AMA. Five boys have flown solo and about 25 are in the ground school... I have missed you very much and would appreciate your writing and telling me how you are getting along.

"We had one calamity in the fall. Black Watch (the Big Boy's horse) broke his leg and had to be shot."

Redgrave wrote to Colonel Tom in early 1942 that he was joining the Royal Canadian Air Force. In early 1945, Redgrave's father wrote to Colonel Tom: "My son is now a sergeant bombardier in the RCAF and has arrived in England to fly on Lancasters, Stirlings, the Halifax, etc."

On 10 July 1945, Mr. Redgrave wrote again: "I regretfully advise you

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1 Charles S. Roller, III, General Roller's son, Linda Moorman's father and the person for whom the Roller Rifles was named, was killed in an auto accident in 1938.

that my son, Charles, was lost in air operations over Berlin on the night of January 1, 1944."

Robert Donald Higgins, '43

Higgins was fatally wounded in Germany on 1 December 1944. Major Charles Roller wrote to his parents: "I was shocked beyond measure to read the distressing news of Donald's fatal wound, and I yearn to adequately express to you the very real sympathy which my heart would convey to you.

"Mrs. Roller joins me in expressing to you and your dear ones our sorrow at your anguish, and an earnest hope that the thoughts and sympathetic understanding of your family and your many friends may bring you some measure of comfort."

Higgins' mother replied to Major Roller's sympathy letter: "We deeply appreciate your letter and thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to us in our time of great sorrow and tragic loss. We hope AMA doesn't receive many such messages about her boys... It is just too horrible to think that so many young men such as Bobby will have to pay such a price..."

Philip Dermody, '41

W. E. Dermody, Philip's father, wrote to Major Roller on 30 December 1944: "I should have written to you sooner about the tragic accident in which Philip was involved last August... After 18 months training in the Naval Air Force, he got his wings and an ensign's commission at the Miami Naval Air Station. There, he lost his life in a midair collision on August 28.

"I can still remember your grief-stricken look when you talked about your son's accident, and I now know how you feel...

"I trust that you and your brother are somehow successfully coping with the many problems that present conditions impose upon you, and I wish you both and your worthy activities continued success..."

Douglas Watkins, '34

In a letter dated 18 July 1947, a full 2 years after the war was over, Douglas' father wrote to then Colonel Charles Roller: "I am distressed to inform you that we lost our son, Douglas, in the last world war. He was killed in a plane crash on 12 May 1944 when flying as a B-24 gunner over the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii."

The letter contains several indications of the times. First, the word of deaths and injuries were not reported as quickly as in later wars.

Then, note that Oahu -- the island bombed by the Japanese on 7 December 1941 -- was still a U.S. Territory. Statehood for Hawaii didn't come until 1959.

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courses until he was drafted. *"I roomed with Monk Davis in 208. I got to play football against the Navy Plebes who beat us severely. Later, when I was stationed in Hawaii, I met one of the USNA grads who had played in that game against Augusta."*

Worthington Mahone was called up in February of '42, went to OCS, and became commander of an 81mm Mortar Platoon in the 383rd Infantry Regiment which saw heavy action on Okinawa. Tom Warner served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific *"and had no problems after the harsh discipline I had at Augusta."*

Dr. John Baumgardner did well in the Army (1943-46) *"because of the great training I had gotten at AMA."* Bob Guggenheimer was influenced by his best friend, Jack Jansing, to go into the Navy.

Charlie Robertson also went into the Navy in 1943 *"which was very hard on my farming parents who had only one child."* He served on PT boats in the Mediterranean in '44 and in the Pacific in '45. After the war, he attended Washington and Lee, thinking that any World War II veteran who went to VMI *"had lost his marbles."*

Ott Heilman attended the University of Pittsburgh until he was drafted. He landed on Omaha Beach on 28 June 1944 and campaigned through Europe -- France, Belgium and Germany. Bruce Melcher also went into the Army.

Judge Davis says, *"There was much talk about quitting school and signing up, but I waited until I graduated in June of '43, and went straight into the service."* Dr. Solan had an AMA pal, **Dudley Jones, '32**, who was on the *USS Bonita*, a submarine. *"That and the opinion of my girlfriend convinced me to go into the Navy."* Solan had boxed at AMA and had some *"pretty interesting matches"* while on board ship. Walter Holt graduated on 7 June 1944, the day after D-Day. *"The Baccalaureate Sermon at the Stone Church was dedicated to the boys in the invasion,"* Holt recalls. *"It was a pretty melancholy event."*

Earl Cabaniss had graduated in 1943 and went into the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 35th Infantry. He landed on Omaha on 10 June 1944 and his unit was ordered to take St. Lo, which they did after 44 fierce days of combat. Earl next fought in the Battle of the Bulge and won 5 battle stars and a Bronze Star.

Bill Tuminella was able to use his football prowess to his advantage. After his service in World War II, he reenlisted in the Airborne, playing football for the Army while stationed at Fort Benning. He was called to active duty again in the Korean War and retired in 1969 as Commander of a 1,000 man Security Police Squadron.

Ship was torpedoed

Angus Hines says that, *"At AMA, we carried a rifle, took part in close order drills, and got cold like the regular Army guys did. I was convinced that was not what I wanted to do... Being a Naval officer with clean sheets and a mess steward was a hands down better deal! But I developed an eye infection which reduced my sight to 20/200, thus ending my chance to go overseas... I didn't want to sit the war out in some backwater naval base, so I went into the Merchant Marine, and spent 2½ years on Liberty Ships... At one point, I was on the USS Swiftscout... It was sunk by a German torpedo off the Virginia coast immediately after I had transferred to another ship."*

Colonel Rutland Beard went to VMI after he finished at AMA in 1942, and was called to active duty in March of 1943. *"I was on the Elbe River on VE Day (8 May 1944)...and as we waited for the Russians to link up, some 90,000 Germans came into our sector to surrender rather than be captured by the Russians... When the Russians did near the river, my platoon*

sergeant, standing about 20 feet from me, was killed by Russian small arms fire as they attacked a town on the east bank of the river..."

Earl Cabaniss was also on the Elbe on VE Day and says, *"The Germans surrendered to Americans to stay out of Russian hands. We would get up in the morning, and there would be thousands of Germans just waiting patiently to surrender."*

But the news of the German surrender did little to assuage the fears of many soldiers, sailors and Marines. *"There were no champagne celebrations where we were,"* says Mahone. *"We knew that the invasion of Japan was still ahead with an estimated 1 million U.S. casualties predicted."* Beard was on the Elbe when the Germans called it quits, but was then sent to the Pacific to prepare for the invasion of the Japanese homeland. Heilman and his men also were getting ready for the invasion of Japan.

Then, the atomic bombs were dropped, and World War II was over. Most Americans in uniform at that time cannot condone today's *"politically correct"* notion that America should not have used the atomic bomb. Almost to a man, they said that the bomb saved both American *and* Japanese lives since the invasion of Japan was expected to cause a million American casualties and manyfold that number of Japanese.

Mahone says, *"Pearl Harbor was the turning point in all our lives. Nothing was ever the same again."* Heilman says, *"I never witnessed a period when Americans were so united. The hard-working civilians, patriotic youngsters, those in government and we in the military -- all with one purpose -- to return peace to the world."*

Holt says, "*Times were tough, but is was OK to be patriotic. AMA made an enduring contribution to this nation by what it gave in World War II.* Beard said he did not know how many AMA cadets had been killed until after the war when he visited the campus and saw the plaque in the Front Arch. *"A lot of boys from a small school,"* he notes.

Fifty-two boys to be precise. This from a school that had just *forty*-two graduates in the Class of 1942.

A letter to Colonel Tom

In the summer of 1934, **Ralph Greeley, '35**, was at home in Gloucester, MA when his Dad received a letter from **Colonel Tom Roller** asking if Ralph would be returning to AMA that fall. Cadet Greeley answered the letter:

Dear Colonel,

I intend to go back to AMA this year, but first I need your assurance that I will be given back my football pants which were taken from me by ***Major Roller*** *because I was keeping them in my room. I was forced to keep them in my room as the lock on my gym locker had been sawed off. I spoke to Major about this without results. This is a small matter, but I think it's worth the trouble.*

Sincerely yours,
Ralph Greeley

Colonel Tom responded, thanking Greeley for his letter, and congratulating him on his school work at AMA the previous year. Then:

Regarding the football pants, I beg to state that I will personally see to it that you are issued another pair and I hope there is no more trouble this year with your locker.

Greeley graduated from AMA in June of 1935.

Hopefully, he got his pants back.

He was killed in action on 12 May 1945 on Okinawa.

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Flames haunted CW/Band Barracks

It might have been known as CW Barracks when you were at AMA, or perhaps it was Band Barracks during your days at Augusta.

In 1962, fire damaged the 2 story frame structure which stood just outside the rear arch. Cadet volunteers snuffed out the blaze and some said they did far more damage with water than the fire itself caused.

20 years later, the building was unoccupied and being used to store mattresses when a fire left the barracks in the condition pictured above.

What caused the second fire? Who knows, but it is classed as "of suspicious origin" by some folks!

John Zehler, Class of '66

Hunting for both big game and profit

AMA alumnus **John C. Zehler, Jr., '66**, the operator of Virginia Fuels, Inc. in Goochland County, VA (near Richmond), has found perils in the business world, perils on the AMA football team, and perils in his hobby: big game hunting. And he's not sure which is the most fearsome.

Zehler operates a wholesale petroleum distributorship that did $50 million last year in Virginia and 4 other states. He says the business gives him a good living, but he has made his real money in commercial real estate ventures.

John Zehler's menagerie in his Goochland County, VA home.

At AMA, Zehler was the starting quarterback on the '65 Blue Streaks and received the Gold Helmet Award for his excellent accomplishments on the gridiron. A military Honor Student, he also played baseball, and was on the Honor Roll.

Football at Richmond

After AMA, he attended the University of Richmond (where he was a football standout), then ran a service station business with his dad and brother. He went into the wholesale petroleum business for himself in 1979 with the help of a loan from his father-in-law. John had just one customer and ran his business out of his home. *"I had a wife and 2 small daughters,"* he says. *"I've never been afraid to fail and I couldn't afford to fail."*

His big break came when he went to Verona to see if he could do some business with Smith's Transfer, a major east coast trucking firm. *"I almost turned around and went back to Richmond,"* he recalls. *"A big company like Smith might be too much for my tiny start-up company."* He pulled off Interstate 81 to make a U-turn for Richmond.

But he didn't turn back. The fuel buyer for Smith's turned out to be one of Zehler's classmates from the University of Richmond, and John would wind up with some of Smith's business. Later, he added Bell Atlantic, Richfood, Virginia Power, Cox Transportation and Great Coastal as customers. Even with all these clients, 70 percent of his business has been in the Richmond area, though that is changing. He now has a Southwest Virginia client who has decided to add gas pumps to his multiple-state grocery store locations, and this year, Zehler expects $70 million in sales.

John Zehler, Jr., 1966 *Recall*

In both the business world and with his hobby, he seeks the best advice, whether it is in the purchase of a 70-acre business site in Northern Virginia or a hunting trip to Alaska, the Yukon, or the western United States. *"There's lots of risk in both ventures,"* he says. A TV in his kitchen stays tuned to a financial news network and a TV set in his bedroom stays on all night. He writes a periodic newsletter about petroleum developments which he FAXes to his customers.

He gives credit to his wife, Kathy, for all his business successes. *"I would have been swamped with record keeping and have gone down the tubes many years ago if it hadn't been for Kathy,"* he says. She once worked in the medical records field and has the organizational skills needed to make the business hum.

Trophy Room

As successful as he has been in business, what you notice most when you visit his 11,000 square foot home is his Trophy Room. With a cathedral ceiling and a stone fireplace, it would be an impressive room without any adornment. But here you will find that the stuffed animals from his many hunting excursions cover nearly every inch of the wall space. There's a Dall sheep, 3 mountain lions, a wolf, a huge Kodiak bear, and an elk, many visible in the photo, above. Wild turkeys and bobcats killed by Zehler on his Albemarle County farm also are on display.

A buffalo robe from the motion picture *Crazy Horse* hangs from a balcony railing, and there is a bearskin rug and curtains made from coyote and beaver pelts in the adjoining room. The house construction was organized and supervised by the Zehlers. There are 5 bedrooms, 7 baths, a marble foyer, hand-painted walls and floors, and a large pond out back

Until a motorcycle accident a few years back, Zehler rode his bike some 5,000 miles a year. Now, he rides only occasionally. He also is an avid tennis player, and does a 6-mile speed walk 4 evenings a week.

Most of all, he likes to relax at his Albemarle County farm. But he doesn't cut himself off from the business world.

He has a digital phone and a stereo mounted on his tractor!

SPOTLIGHT on REED NETTLES, `72

When he grew up on Queens Road in Charlotte, **Reed Nettles, '72**, learned from his grandfather that *who* you know is every bit as important as *what* you know. Reed has used that maxim to guide a career that has taken him from selling jeans to representing 30 huge companies that participate in 34 NASCAR races around the country every year. Along the way, he had a fascinating few years as the Marketing and Sponsorship Director for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

OFF TO THE RACES - Reed Nettles, '72, left, at Universal Studios during the filming of *The Flintstones*.

Today, Reed's life is a whirl of airports, punctuated by whiffs of engine fumes. Living in Phoenix, he spends a lot of his life coming and going from Sky Harbor Airport, annually attending 20 of the 34 NASCAR events. Next year will see him traveling even more as new NASCAR tracks are added in Chicago and in Kansas City.

A Yankee connection

Before racing, there was baseball, and Reed's success in that competitive field was abetted somewhat by the fact that Yankee great Craig Nettles is a cousin. *"He introduced me to some great baseball people,"* Reed says.

But in telling Reed's story, you have to go back to Charlotte, and to AMA. In his neighborhood on Queens Street lived the Cannons of Cannon Mills, the Catos who had a successful retail business, and the Sullivans who owned and helped start Eckerd Drug Stores. With his grandfather's encouragement, he set out to meet as many people as he could in his powerful neighborhood, and he continues to cultivate friends and business associates as he did so successfully in his formative years.

Reed's brother and sister were away at college, and he wanted to go away to school too. An older neighbor, **Baxter Hayes, '70**, was attending Augusta, and that helped Reed's family decide to send the young man to Fort Defiance. *"My roommates my freshman year were **Blaine Clark, '72**, and **Gary Understein, '71**. We were all in E Company and I was able to watch these successful cadets and to emulate them."*

Reed Nettles, 1972 *Recall*

Reed lived in The Tower his last 3 years at AMA, *"and spent lots of time on the roof and other places I wasn't supposed to be."* He helped run the projector for the Saturday night movies, *"and there was so much smoke from the burning filaments in the old projector that we could smoke up there and never get caught!"*

He was impressed by **Colonel Hoover** and his total dedication to the school. *"He used to take me for rides on his bike on Saturday afternoons when I wasn't supposed to be off campus."* Reed was Art Editor for *The Recall* and worked on the *Bayonet* staff. In those roles, he spent a lot of time with **Doc Savedge** and came to admire him. *"I looked up to **Colonel Livick**, literally and figuratively,"* he recalls. Reed says that he also looked up to **Mark Femrite, '72**, who was the Battalion Commander his senior year. *"Then, I was fortunate enough to have Mark as my roommate in college. I learned a lot from him just being around him and watching how he carried himself."*

Changes colleges

Reed changed colleges to enroll at the University of South Carolina where his brother was in law school. There, through his brother, he began to meet other influential people with whom he remains close to this day.

After college, Reed began a career in the clothing business with Lee Jeans. He stayed there until 1984 when he moved to Guess Jeans as head of marketing and sales for the east coast. Jeans seemed to be his life calling since soon he was working for Jordache Jeans.

Then came the opportunity to run the Cherokee Apparel Group out of California. *"I found out later that they had recruited me for 3 reasons: first, because I knew the apparel business; then, I knew about licensing; and finally, they hired me for who I knew... my Grandfather was right!"*

Reed helped turn Cherokee into a licensor instead of a manufacturer. He took the Cherokee name to Target Stores for their private label program. Last year, that segment of Target's business had sales of more than a billion dollars.

From the Cherokee job, Reed was recruited by Peter O'Malley who owned the LA Dodgers. Reed went to work as the Marketing and Sponsorship Director for the National League baseball team.

Reed Nettles at home with his wife, Terri, and 25 year old twin stepsons, Shane and Dustin.

"This had to be one of my most memorable experiences," says Reed. *"I was able to eat lunch almost every day with (Dodger Manager) Tommy Lasorda and the O'Malleys... I heard many wonderful stories about the old Brooklyn Dodgers and why they had moved to California, how Dodger Stadium came to be, and some unforgettable stories about old and present day Dodger players and coaches."*

Working out with Mike Piazza

Reed's office overlooked 3rd base at the stadium. He would watch batting practice from his office every day that the team was in town. *"I used to come in early and work out in the players' exercise room with the likes of Mike Piazza and Eric Kerros."*

For Spring training, the Dodgers went to Vero Beach, FL and Reed went along. He would take customers to watch the teams practice and play each other in pre-season exhibitions. *"We used to get in a few rounds of golf too,"* Reed recalls.

Back in LA, Nettles was seated in his office one day watching the goings on on the field when he became aware that someone was standing behind him. It was Garth Brooks who had come to talk with Peter O'Malley about playing ball for the Dodgers. He had arrived early, and spent a cozy hour in Reed's office just chatting.

Reed is a collector of baseballs, many of them signed by present or past players. *"The most memorable to me is the ball that President Reagan threw out to start a season opener."* Reed had the key to every door in Dodger Stadium, except for Peter O'Malley's. *"I used to go stand on the mound and dream of what it would be like to have a 3 and 2 count with the bases loaded in the final game of the World Series."*

But Reed's joy with his job was diluted when Rupert Murdock bought the Dodgers from the O'Malleys. *"The family atmosphere was gone,"* he says sadly.

While at the Dodgers, Reed had formed a good relationship with Universal Studios, one of the team's biggest customers. It turns out that a friend from his days at the University of South Carolina was the number two man at Universal, and he asked Reed to run the Universal motor sports program with NASCAR. The team they were sponsoring was headed by Cale Yarborough.

"I had watched Cale race when I was a kid growing up in Charlotte," Reed remembers, *"and here I am on top of a hauler at a big race shooting the breeze with Cale and the King, Richard Petty. It doesn't get any better than that!"*

A sports agent

By aligning himself with Yarborough and Universal Studios, Reed quickly became well recognized on the NASCAR circuit. He formed HLG, Inc. to represent Universal in racing. He represents several drivers as their sports agent -- Robbie Gordon, Rick Mast and Billy Boat. Reed negotiates all the compensation packages between the car owners and the drivers as well as their driving agreements and appearances.

Another part of Reed's company represents manufacturers who want to license their products with NASCAR drivers and be able to use the NASCAR logo in promotions. Ping is one of the companies Reed helped to get their clubs and bags licensed with a driver's logo and the NASCAR symbol.

Still another part of Reed's company sells sponsorship packages for NASCAR teams, ranging from a $12 million price tag to sponsor the entire car to packages where several companies get their names on a single car. He negotiates with the networks covering the races for the placement of cameras inside the race cars themselves.

Recently, Reed completed negotiations between Universal and Dale Earnhardt and his wife and daughter for appearances in the new Flintstones movie.

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Class of '69 being input

AMA web site usage remains high

More than 2700 user sessions per month kept the Augusta Military Academy web page quite busy this past summer. Webmaster **B. J. D'Orsay, '70**, reported that there were more than 11,000 page views during the same period.

D'Orsay said that the placement of the Class of '69 on the web site *"is progressing slowly... but I hope to complete it this fall."* The Class of '70 is already a part of the web page, and the Class of 1950 will be the next class to be included.

"The main project for the winter months will be unveiling a site dedicated to the AMA Alumni House and Museum," says D'Orsay. The AMA site eventually will be promoted through local interest groups, museum associations, and historical societies.

The AMA screensaver, available with the promise of a $20 donation to the alumni association, has been downloaded by 30 visitors.

Teach your old mouse a new trick

Log on to: AMAAlumni.org

B.J. says that the most exciting response he has had is from a woman who offered photos and other materials from her great-great grandfather's time as an AMA cadet in the 1870's. *"That offer was very exciting, and we look forward to getting these invaluable materials for our museum."*

SPOTLIGHT

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Happily married to Terri (who he met in Seattle), Reed says that she is able to travel with him and hang out with the drivers in the garage. Reed is grooming Terri's twin sons, Shane and Dustin, to get into this fast-paced line of work.

Lately, all Reed has been able to do is tend to business 7 days a week. *"I really do want to see all my old AMA friends again, and I'll be retiring before long. Then, I can really play and get back to Virginia for a reunion. I do enjoy very much what I am doing now, but I know I have achieved what I have by being at the right place at the right time, knowing the right people, and trusting in the grace of my Lord and Savior."*

In case you are wondering, car racing is the fastest growing spectator sport in America. You'd have to say that Reed has hooked his wagon to the right star -- a turbocharged one.

Not to dispute his grandfather, but you'd also have to conclude that Reed got where he is not only for *who* he knows, but for *what* he knows. And AMA's Reed Nettles knows a lot!

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THE BAYONET QUIZ

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. ALL THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND WITHIN THE PAGES OF THIS ISSUE. YOU CAN WIN AN AMA COACH'S JACKET, AN AUGUSTA MINI-CADET, OR A PRINT OF BIG BARRACKS.

SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO: AMA BAYONET, 142 SILVER PINE LANE, DANVILLE, CA 94526. FAX 925/736-2596. E-MAIL: AMABAYONET@AOL.COM.

1) NAME TWO (2) AMA ALUMNI WHO HAVE "PURCHASED" A ROOM IN AMA ALUMNI HOUSE.

2) WHAT DOES JOHN ZEHLER, '66, HAVE MOUNTED ON HIS TRACTOR?

3) NAME THE AMA ALUMNUS WHO FLEW IN THE FAMOUS DOOLITTLE RAID ON TOKYO IN WORLD WAR II.

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ENTRIES: NOV. 6, 2000. WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN BY A DRAWING AMONG ALL CORRECT ENTRIES.

Letters to the Editor

Liked the Izenberg article

I had just read the super ***SPOTLIGHT*** article on **Jerry Izenberg, '48**, in the Summer 2000 issue of *The Bayonet* when I tuned to A&E to watch *Biography* and the life of Joe Louis. Lo and behold, coincidence of coincidences, there was Jerry, talking to me in living color.

After law school, I began noticing Jerry's name more and more with respect to his sportswriting accomplishments. As time passed, his feats were more numerous and his reputation more prestigious.

I remember Jerry at AMA fairly well and favorably. He was in the Band and had a delightful sense of humor. I came to AMA in 1944 at the age of 13 and fought like hell to get into D Company so I could carry the 9 pound Enfield rifle instead of the wooden piece designed for E Company, where I belonged physically.

Les Zittrain, '48
Pittsburgh, PA

Had lost contact with AMA

I had lost all contact with AMA when the school closed. We just happened to be through the Valley a year or so after it happened, and the place really was in a sad state. This past Memorial Day, we were on our way back home to North Carolina when we saw the sign on Route 11 saying "AMA Museum open." We got the full tour, got updated on what has been happening, and since then I have been in contact with some of my classmates. I'm glad that you are there!

Roby Shore, '64
Monroe, NC

Saw my buddies from 1943

In the most recent issue of *The Bayonet*, I found a photograph of the smiling faces of my buddies from the Class of '43 - **Charlie West, Cass Leigh** and **Bill Stuart**. I must say they have changed a little in 57 years, and they would say the same thing about me!

Bill and I worked on *The Recall* and *The Bayonet*, with a closely knit team, some of whom are no longer with us. One of the most recent to go, **Frank Vass**, was voted most popular cadet our senior year. **Jack Brooke**, a natural-born writer and humorist, left us when he was still in his 20's. **Tom (TB) Stanley** is gone too, but the memories of these fellows will not fade as long as some of us are still around. My good friend **Jack Jansing** and I were born on the same day, so we have no excuse for forgetting to send a birthday card.

I would love to hear from any of the old *Bayonet* and *Recall* gang and anyone else from the Class of '43. Let me know if you ever visit Spain. My e-mail address is: guggenheimer@teleline.es. Phone (34) 91-501-25-92.

Bob Guggenheimer, '43
Madrid, Spain

Thank you for the scholarship

I want to express my most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the AMA Alumni Association for having selected me to receive an AMA Legacy Scholarship. This truly is an honor and I feel very privileged to be in the company of such outstanding young Americans. Be assured that I will do my best to make you proud of me.

Allison E. Arthur,
daughter of **John Arthur, V, '75**
Chesapeake, VA

Church worker salutes AMA alumni

I have had the pleasure of working on AMA as a volunteer for the United Pentecostal Church. I have seen AMA alumni come back to the school during reunions, and I could feel the power of their spirit come alive just hearing them talk about their years at AMA. It brought tears of joy to me just to see them and listen to their stories. I am so glad that the memories of all the boys are alive today. God bless you all!

David Leadbeater
Staunton, VA

The Bayonet and web page are great!

Thanks for the wonderful *Bayonets* and for the web page. How lucky we are to have gone to AMA and to rekindle these wonderful memories. Is there another prep school anywhere else that has what we had? We are so lucky to have been chosen.

Larry "Deb" Debnar, '74
Akron, OH

Glad to see MacIver recognized

I was glad to see my roommate, **Neil MacIver, '61**, recognized in the last *Bayonet* for his sacrifice in the Vietnam War. He joined the Army his senior year, and his plans were to finish a 2 year hitch, returning as a "Super Cadet" for his senior year. I thought that he had been killed in 1961, but I may be wrong about that date.

Luther Long, '61
Cary, NC

(Editor's note: The Defense Department says that Neil MacIver was killed by hostile small arms fire in Vietnam on 29 May 1963 making him one of the first Americans to die in the war.)

Looking for '55 and '56 alumni

I am compiling an up-to-date list of the Classes of 1955 and 1956, and I need all the help I can get. I need names and addresses, old or new. Even if you only attended for a single year, I want to include you on the roster.

I want to make a concerted effort to get as many of our

classmates back to the 2001 reunion as possible. Please e-mail me at: tclea@ns.gemlink.com

T. C. Lea, '55
Orange, VA

Another scholarship winner

Thank you for awarding me an AMA Legacy Scholarship for my sophomore year at Case Western Reserve University. The scholarship will cover the tuition increase this year which is very much appreciated! I am majoring in computer engineering and am grateful to the AMA alumni who are helping me get a good education.

Justin Morgan,
grandson of **Frank Spencer, '49**
Cleveland, OH

AMA 14, SMA 3

We were in **Jim Stillwagon**'s room watching the national rodeo finals on TV and "Rose" (Jim) was on his top bunk doing neck lifts with a towel tied to more weights than a Clydesdale could pull. Another cadet lifted the weights up to Rose's neck and let them fall.

I fully expected to see Rose's vertebrae shoot across the room like shotgun pellets! But Stillwagon only thought it was funny, but then these were guys who would hide behind doors and hit each other with folding metal chairs.

I have a pennant from "the" game - AMA 14, SMA 3. Cadets at AMA that year will remember the near riot when one of the Roller Rifles dropped his hat during the halftime performance and an SMA cadet grabbed it. With every step he took toward the SMA stands, the AMA Corps of Cadets took 2 out of their stands.

When the SMA cheerleader realized that the entire AMA Corps was about to pounce, he threw the hat back to the AMA side, probably avoiding a huge ruckus.

Frank McClung, '66
Roanoke, VA

Hoover loved the fast vehicles

I remember **Colonel Hoover**'s begging to drive anyone's hot rod and/or motorcycle. One of my fondest memories is seeing him drive out the gate in my '58 Mercury, my dual glass packs rapping as he put his foot to it. In 1963, I came back for a visit driving a new 390 Ford convertible, 4 speed. He must have spotted me coming through the gate, and he was off around the Bowl almost before I got out of the car! A real piece of work.

Bob Ridgeway, '62
Gastonia, NC

Almost didn't get my diploma

I was Captain of B Company in 1947-48 and we won the company cup. **Major Roller** handed the cup to me and we were both bawling. I carried the cup to every man in the company, thanked each one for a wonderful year, hugged each cadet, and cried all the way.

BUSINESS MEETING - Bruce Orenstein, 69, new Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, AMA Alumni Association President Goodloe Saunders, '57, and John Henderson, '69, AMA's new Planned Giving Coordinator, meet in front of Alumni House.

A precious little blonde named Gaye was my date for the Final Ball. My 4 roommates and I borrowed a car and drove to Staunton to sneak Gaye and some of her friends out of Stuart Hall. We kept them out until 7 AM, and then we all got caught when we tried to get back into barracks. Major Roller told me and my mother that I was not going to graduate, but when I walked across the stage, he handed me my diploma. How I loved that man!

Bill Harris, '48
Round Top, TX

Another great *Bayonet*!

You've done it again! Another great (and expanded) *Bayonet*. A wonderful job is being done for us. Thanks for all the memories!

Bill Jaeger, '58
Chesapeake, VA

Are these the guys who cried?

As Reunion 2000 approached -- the 25th anniversary of the Class of '75 -- I hoped to see many of our 35 graduates back for the May event. Three from our class are known to be dead... it would have been wonderful to bring in the new millennium with a gathering of all the old friends who are still here.

I wrote to every man in my class, and got a very poor return. Where are these people who lived together for many years? Where are these guys who said they would *never* cry at graduation, but were found sobbing on their friends' shoulders, there, on the black top?

We formed relationships that those who went to public school can never understand. We have memories that make us laugh, and sometimes cry. We never knew we had such impact on someone else's life as we went on with our own lives. So, I can't understand why my class had such a poor turnout. They missed 3 unforgettable days...

Brett Thompson, '75
Charlottesville, VA

From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them. Who is the cadet in OD garb in front of the gym? The car says sometime in the '40's.

Who is the lacrosse player in the photo to the right?

If you can help us identify these fellows, please contact The Bayonet at AMABayonet@aol.com, FAX 925/736-4961, or write us at 142 Silver Pine Lane, Danville, CA 94506

In the last issue, we asked if anyone could ID the cadet eating a hot dog, below. We didn't get one guess -- the first time that has happened since we've run the Hoover's Attic feature. Look closely at the photo below.

Who is this mysterious cadet? In the color photo, he appears to have reddish hair.

President's Council list impressive

An impressive list of AMA alumni and friends is featured in this update of AMA President's Council members *(facing page)*. These FOA's (Friends of Augusta) each has contributed *at least* $1,000 to help pay for the new AMA Alumni House and Museum. Many on the list have contributed 10 times $1,000.

There are many ways to become a member of the AMA President's Council. Elsewhere in this edition, you will see how easy it is to donate appreciated stock or mutual funds. *(see page 10)* You get a ***wonderful tax advantage*** and AMA gets the benefit of today's stock price. If you own stocks or mutual funds, this is the way to give!

We also will take old fashioned cash! Write us a check for the full $1,000, or pledge to pay at least $1,000 over a period of time. Either will qualify you immediately for membership on the President's Council.

You can also use **MasterCard** or **VISA** to make a donation. Just send us your credit card number, the expiration date of the card, and sign your name at the bottom. For your convenience, there is a return envelope enclosed, or you can use the PX order form found in the center of this issue.

At Reunion 2001, it will be easy to spot President's Council members. Ribbons on their name badges will let the world know who has been a strong supporter of the alumni house/ museum project.

You're invited to join!

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

These dedicated alumni and friends of Augusta Military Academy each have donated, or have pledged to donate, at least $1,000 toward the renovation of the Roller-Robinson House, and are now members of the **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

- Robert Adams, '63
- Mrs. Andy Akerman, '58
- Marc Aronson, '68
- A. S. Ballou, Jr., '58
- R. C. Beam, Jr., '40
- Bob Bradford, '50
- Drew Brantley
- John Brantley, III
- Mark Briggs, '68
- J. M. Carstarphen, '52
- Ed Chauncey, Jr., '49
- Tommy Clements, Jr., '50
- A. C. Coleman, Jr., '58
- John R. Congdon, '52
- David O. Conrad, Jr., '59
- Maurice W. Coulon, '59
- James W. Councill, '49
- James Crawford, '61
- William M. Deuber, '49
- B. J. d'Orsay, '70
- Bazil B. Duncan, III, '64
- Robert Eacho, '49
- Duke Fancher, '58
- Mark Femrite, '72
- John W. Field, Jr., '47
- James Fletcher, '63
- Tomme T. Gamewell, '54
- Marvin E. Gordon, '39
- Garry W. Granger, '71
- Hilton Roller Grasty
- Charles C. Hargrave, '51
- Robert C. Harris, III, '54
- William M. Harris, '48
- John Henderson, '69
- Angus I. Hines, Jr., '42
- George Holt, '60
- G. M. Hutchison, '48
- John C. Jansing, '43
- Bill Johnston, '55
- Carroll F. Knicely, '46
- T. C. Lea, Jr., '55
- James Lupton, '50
- John P. Maragon, FMS, '48
- Mac McInnis, '67
- Jim McLelland, '60
- Bill McVey, '60
- Roger Messick, '52
- Gordon Metz, '68
- John Minor, '42
- Thomas L. Moon, '48
- Gary Nicholson, '70
- Chris Nuckols, '65
- George Petty, '58
- Louis Philhower, Jr., '49
- Robert E. Plecker, '40
- Julian Quarles, '35
- Clyde Ramsey, '49
- Bobby Rhea, '47
- Carl S. Riedell, '63
- Frank W. Roach, '69
- William H. Roelle, '60
- Jorge Rovirosa, '70
- Gladys Sandridge
- R. Goodloe Saunders, '57
- Tommy Simmons, '53
- Benjamin Smith, Jr., '47
- Luke Snyder, '60
- Stephen P. Speciale, '61
- Frank E. Spencer, Jr., '49
- Robert Spilman, '45
- James E. Starnes, '50
- Diego Suarez, Jr., '72
- Phil Thomas, '53
- LTC Stephen G. Trent, '70
- Jes R. Van Evera, '59
- Harold Walters, Jr., '48
- Jeffrey G. Wenzel, '70
- Purnell Westbrook, '60
- James A. Weston, Jr., '50
- William Wigton, '31
- Rod O. Willey, '51
- Frank Williamson, '60
- Charles Winston, '47
- Margaret Hulvey Wright
- Admiral Joseph Yon, '30

Through 20 September 2000

AMA's Bud Burnett, '54, had a great talent for cartooning

When the 1953 and 1954 *Recalls* needed cartoons to brighten a page, they looked to the late **William "Bud" Burnett, '54**, to lend his artistic talents to the cause.

Bud lived in Staunton and was a Boarding Boy his first year and a Day Boy the next. He played baseball, tennis and foot-

Bud Burnett, 1954 *Recall*

ball, and marched in B Company. But where Bud really shown was with his cartoons of a "Sad Sack" kind of cadet who couldn't seem to get everything done on the crowded schedule that was the daily fare of every cadet who ever attended Augusta.

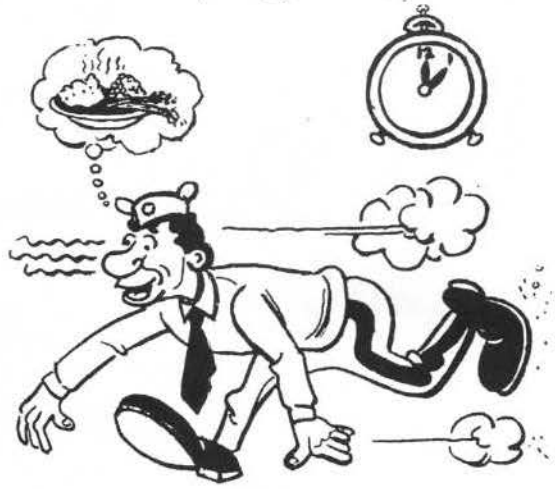
Bud passed away in 1975. **Jerry Wildman, '57**, brought our attention to Bud's work, and we have here reproduced pages 106 and 107 of the 1954 *Recall*.

The text is from an earlier day, this same commentary having run in yearbooks from the late '40's. But the 1954 *Recall* was the first place "Oh, What a Day" had run with cartoon accompaniment.

Were there other great artists at other points in the history of AMA? Can you call our attention to any other artist or cartoonist from your days at AMA?

Check out the PX Catalog in the center of this issue for a sample of the art of **Horace Day, '46**.

Life At Augusta Has Its Humor, Pathos, Tears, Pleasures



"OH! WHAT

In most stories, morning is described as a time when the birds are singing and the sun just peeping over the brow of a hill. Well, the day at Augusta begins differently. You see, the birds haven't gotten up yet and the sun just went down.

As you lie comfortably in your bed in the gentle arms of Sleep, you hear the beautiful strains of a symphony orchestra as they glide through one of Beethoven's best. Suddenly you awaken to realize that instead of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra you were listening to the gentle strains of first call being played by some half-asleep disk-jockey on the infamous AMA call system.

Grunting disheartedly, you pull the covers over your head until first fall-in to "soupie" at which time you hop out of bed and grumble and growl because the guard detail is rushing you. With your pants half off, you stumble out of the front-arch into the cold misty morning and with the aid of a flashlight and a bloodhound, locate your company and cave—I mean fall in.

Breakfast over, you get back to your room in time to hear the four-thirty news and to sweep your floor. Mail call goes, but you never get any mail anyway so you just sit around and wait for school to go. Of course when school call is sounded there's the old cry of "What's da rush?"

School seems to be an endurance test because no man can last long under such conditions. Between the three great acids and RTP, three hundred and seventy-five cadets push, shove and plow their way into the post exchange for a Coke or like refreshment. Recess, which is of uncertain duration comes to an end almost before the esophagus carries the food to the tummy and we're back on the old grind for a while longer. Very soon

Read through the story on these pages, and let us know if any of these humorous accounts had some validity in your days as a cadet. Did you ever have penalty on the coal pile, or at White Hall? Did you habitually stumble about in the dark getting ready to stand the first formation of the day? When did you shine your shoes and brass? When was mail call when you were a cadet? Do you remember the 3 great acids, and do you know what R.T.P. stands for? Did you take a Coke break in the Post Exchange? Let us hear from you if the story, below, oft repeated in *The Recall*, brings back some special memories!

For It Is The Most Wonderful Place In The World

A DAY"

after the end of the sixth period, you're out of school for the day. "Lunch, right away" is called over the loudspeakers in barracks at precisely the same time that the end of school is called over the academic speaker system. It is really marvelous how these two operations go off so splendidly.

Lunch, which is of necessity longer than most meals, is over and we grab a rifle and tromp out to (?) drill. After practicing left face for forty-five minutes, we go through ceremonial parade, escort to the color, review and inspection, and then, even though still not tired and raring to go, we drag each other from the drill field.

All the bad boys now go to penalty and there are quite a few more bad boys than there are "angels". At least so it seems to the fellows who have to work. Coal pile, White Hall, gymnasium—all are the same to those "unfortunates" who draw hours in these places.

The rest of the boys have nothing to do — except swimming, wrestling, lacrosse, basketball, fencing, Recall work, Bayonet work, sewing on buttons, shower, shave, shoe-shine, and then the air is filled with the melodious call to quarters. In ten minutes, it's SRC and we're back in the mess hall where food is filling our stomachs and evil thoughts of going back to study are filling our minds.

Supper is over and we're back in our rooms ready to study. Noses are put to the grind-stone to finish that last minute theme and when first release is sounded, it's really the first welcome call of the day. Five minutes at the P.X. and we're back at work again except those elite members of the hard-to-get on Honor Roll.

Not long afterwards taps goes and we roll into the "sad -sack". Speaking of bed, I think I'll roll in myself as it's three A. M. and my candle is burning low. G'night!

AMA rings are still available

Have you been thinking about replacing your lost AMA Class Ring, given to some long ago girlfriend whose name you cannot even recall?

Fret not, as the AMA Class Ring is still available. Josten rep Jeff Adams says that quite a few alumni have ordered rings to replace ones lost, or ones that will fit fingers which have put on weight since graduation.

The AMA Alumni Association does not process orders for rings nor will they be involved with the fulfillment of orders. Negotiations are strictly between Josten's and the person placing the ring order.

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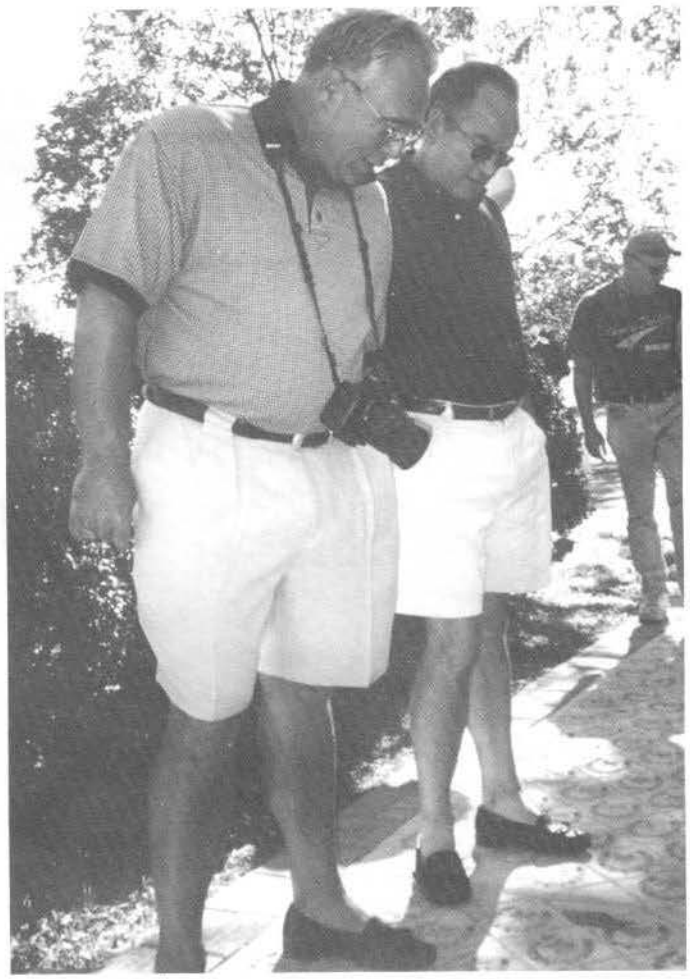
PICNIC PLANNERS, above, Dave Conrad, '59, Frank Williamson, '60, Ben Zinkhan, '60, Goodloe Saunders, '57, Gary Nicholson, '70, and Duke Fancher, '58. Right, John Henderson, '69, and Bruce Orenstein, '69, reading pavers in front of Alumni House. Right, below, Hayes Sours and Joe Smith from the VFW plan the presentation of an American flag to the AMA Alumni House.



Picnic *(from page 21)*

Joyce's son, Tim Mizer, a Staunton baker, provided two exceptional cakes, one with a picture of Big Barracks on it and one featuring Alumni House. Quite a few youngsters were at the picnic hearing first hand what it was like when Dear Old Dad was an AMA cadet. **Rex Miller, '65**, brought his son, Matt, who had his photo taken in an AMA uniform. Rex attended the picnic with his AMA roommate, **Earl Pangborn, '65**, who came from Andrews, NC. The alumnus with the shortest distance to the picnic was **Charles Jordan, '42**, who came from the house directly across the Valley Pike from AMA, accompanied by his wife, Ruth.

Duke Fancher, '58, picnic planner extraordinaire, said, *"There was lots of good visiting among the alumni, local people, and the folks who worked on the house. Everyone seemed to have a good time."*

Even the ants.

Board *(from page 11)*

in merchandise sales so far in 2000. *"Our first venture into mail ordering will take place when the next Bayonet comes out with a catalog in it."*

Fancher said that $1,270 has been donated to the alumni association to honor the memory of **General Jim Meier, '58**. A museum donations box has brought in $755 since the museum was opening this past May.

Bruce Orenstein, '69, was appointed Chairman of the AMA Scholarship Committee, replacing **Gary Nicholson, '70**. Fancher mentioned the possibility of expanding the focus of the museum to eventually include information about Fort Defiance and nearby Augusta County sites.

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Give us your new address as soon as you know it so you won't miss your next issue of The BAYONET

Do your Christmas shopping at the AMA PX

See the black and white catalog in the center of this issue

PAVER PURCHASES

These alumni and friends of Augusta have purchased paver bricks for the walk in front of the AMA Alumni House & Museum. Numbers in parentheses indicate how many pavers purchased by that individual by 16 September 2000.

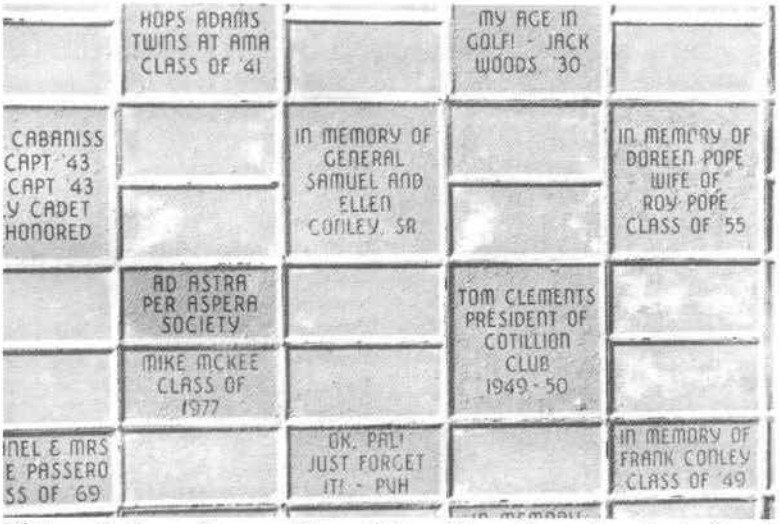
Acosta, Jean (2)
Adams, John
Adams, Nate, `41 (2)
Adams, Robert, `63 (3)
Akerman, Irene (11)
Alexander, Joe*
Alexander, Lindy*
Alexander, Nelson*
Alexander, Paul*
Alexander, Roscoe*
Alexander, Stanley*
* Children of
Alexander, John, `09
Alexander, Howard, son of
Alexander, Minor, `04
Anderson, Fred, `61
Anderson, Walter, `59
Andrews, Richard, `46
Armstrong, David
Arrington, Mike, `76
Atchison, Jim, `73
Baeder, Bill, `69
Baker, Ronald, `61
Balbis, Manuel, 53
Ballou, Slade, `58 (2)
Batt, Mike & Laura
Beard, Mrs. Ben, `65 (5)
Bell, Brian, Sr., `60
Blake, Tom, `62
Botcheller, John, `67 (6)
Bottino, Michael, `54
Bradford, Bob, `50 (28)
Brewer, Mrs. David
Buckmaster, Bob, `48
Burt, Curtis, `45 (2)
Byers, Craig
Byers, Robert, `35
Cabaniss, Earl, `43
Cabo, Edmund, `74 (2)
Caceres, Andres, `61
Carlisle, Mrs. Don
Carter, Jack, `53
Carter, Mildred (2)
Case, Phillip, Jr., `63
Cesafsky, Jon (2)
Chandler, George, `50
Chauncey, Ed, `49 (2)
Chezem, Mrs. Jim
Chiswell, Mrs. Dorothy
Christy, James (3)
Clements, Tom, `50
Click, Ed, `50, (6)
Cohen, Phyllis
Cole, Mrs.William, `49
Cole, John, `50
Coleman, Buzzy, `58 (8)
Collinge, Charles, `46
Congdon, John, `52 (2)
Conley, Sam, `47 (2)
Connor, Edward
Connor, Richard, `61
Conrad, Dave, `59
Coolahan, Mark, `73
Coslop, Arthur, `63
Councill, Jim, `49 (2)
Crawford, Jim, `61 (3)
Crawford, Nathan, `37
Deane, H.D., Jr., `48 (2)
Deuber, Bill, `49
D'Orsay, B. J., `70
Durst, Steven, `60 (2)
Eavers, Joyce A. (2)
Eichner, Ken, `64 (2)
Elliott, Michael, `41
Ellis, John, `60 (2)
Fancher, Duke, `58 (11)
Farrell, Michael, `63
Femrite, Mark, `71
Fewell, Betty
Fewell, William (2)
Field, John, `47 (3)
Fields, Francis X., `48
Fletcher, Jim, `63
Gaston, Mitch, `60
Gordon, Mickey, `39 (2)
Granger, Garry, `71 (2)
Guggenheimer, Bob, `43
Hallock, Virginia
Hargrave, Bud, `51 (12)
Harris, George, `70 (3)
Harris, Robert, `54
Harris, Bill, `48 (2)
Harrison, Mrs. Susan
Hash, John, `75
Hash, Liz
Hayes, Mrs. Clifton
Henderson, John, `69
Higbee, Irene
Hipp, John, `63
Hoke, Kenneth, `54
Holt, George, `60 (4)
Hutchinson, G. M., `48
Hyer, Walter, `42
Izenberg, Jerry, `48
Jaeger, Bill, `58
Josephson, Joe (2)
Justice, Bruce, `80
Karch, Paul, `79
Keller, Bill, `62
Kennett, Lewie, `72 (2)
Knicely, Carroll, `46 (3)
Koetzle, Charles, `49
Kozma, Alex, `50
Lane, William, `68
Lappin, Robert, `46
Lea, T.C., `55
Lepper, Lew, `47
Leustig, Bill, `69
Llewellyn, Mrs. R. H.
Livick, Linda Roller (4)
Livick, Colonel Mal (4)
Lobalzo, Mike, `61
Lohman, Griff, `72
Mahanes, Virginia (2)
Mann, Mrs. Julian
Mannasmith, Tim (2)
Mariner, Helen
Matton, Steve, `67
McCabe, Brian, `72
McCawley, Herbert, `43 (2)
McCue, Joe, `66 (2)
McKee, Jean
McLelland, Jim, `60
McVey, Bill, `60 (3)
McVey, Millie (2)
Meier, Jack, `55
Meier, General Jim, `58
Metz, Gordon, `68 (10)
Minor, John, `42
Mitchell, Jim, `76
Mitchell, Tom, `52
Montes, Felix, `75
Morris, J. H., `60
Newton, Byrd, `60 (2)
Nicholson, Gary, `70 (2)
Nicol, Jean and Henry
Nuckols, Janice
Ogimachi, Shawn, `75
Orenstein, Bruce, `69
Pannell, Lenny, `68
Parker, Rip, `51
Pascale, C.A., `69 (7)
Passero, Steve, `69 (2)
Paulsen, Kathy (2)
Payne, Lillian
Perez-Cardona, Jorge, `66
Perry, N. A., `34
Petty, George, `58 (4)
Pilley, Frank, `51 (2)
Poole, Alan, `67
Pope, Roy, `55
Price, Mrs. David
Pursel, Frank, `45
Quarles, Julian, `35
Ramsey, Clyde, `49
Ray, E. J. (2)
Raybin, David, `67
Reigleman, Ron, `61 (2)
Rhatigan, Steven, `68
Ridgeway, Robert, `62
Riedell, Carl, `63
Rock, John, `67 (2)
Roller, Tom, `36
Rosensteen, Scott, `71
Rubush, Bill, `49 (2)
Russell, Jack, `50
Salasky, Leonard, `43
Sandridge, Gladys (2)
Saunders, Goodloe,`57 (4)
Scarborough, Bill, `69
Schroeder, Jeff, `67
Seeberger, Bob, `58 (2)
Simmons, Tommy, `53
Snyder, Luke, `60 (13)
Solan, George, `43
South, Randy, `67
Spencer, Frank, `49 (5)
Sposito, Paul, `51 (2)
Stanley, Jack, `45
Stanton, Patrick, `54 (2)
Starnes, Jim, `50 (3)
Starr, Richard, `67
Steib, Lars, `74
Studer, Don
Sylvanus, James, `49
Tanara, Al, `61
Thomas, Bill, `44
Thompson, Brett, `75
Tolson, Jerry, `60 (2)
Tomlin, Al, `48 (2)
Townsend, Guy, `54
Trott, Sydney, `61
Trent, LTC Steve, `70 (2)
Tyminski, John, `76
Van Pelt, Stuart, 45 (4)
Venzer, Alan, `44 (2)
Vischer, Michael, `67
Wagner, Brock and Vic
Wainwright, H. R., `59
Wales, Virginia
Walker, Willis, `71 (2)
Walters, Hal, `48
Webster, Ann
Welch, Mike, `47
Westbrook, Purnell, `60
White, James, `52 (2)
White, Susanne
Willcox, Claiborne, `61
Wilding, Richard, `48
Williamson, Mrs. Frank, `60
Williamson, Frank, `60
Williamson/Campbell, `60
Woodard, Charles, `63
Woods, Jack, `30
Wright, Douglas, `37
Wright, Margaret Hulvey (2)
York, David, `65 (3)
Zinkhan, Ben, `60 (2)
Zunka, Craig, `65 (2)

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The engraved paver bricks look great on the walk leading up to the AMA Alumni House and Museum! Everyone who has seen them in place had high praise for the quality of the workmanship. And quite a few hearts were touched.

If you have not ordered a brick, or if you want to order another, it's not too late!

As you can see in the picture to the right, there still is a place for YOUR brick. Just FILL IN THE BLANKS!



Pictured above is a portion of the sidewalk and patio in front of our AMA Alumni House and Museum. You'll see some of the 8X8 and 4X8 brick pavers in place for all time. And you'll see some BLANK BRICKS. These spaces are reserved FOR YOU!

The walk leading up the hill to Alumni House. The engraved paver bricks line both sides of the walk. Is yours there yet?

The first blank you should fill in is the one on the opposite page. If you want to order more than one paver, please send a form for each one. (Copies of the order form are OK.)

Order now so your brick can take its permanent place on the AMA campus. Continue your support of the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

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Support the AMA Alumni House and Museum

Order your personalized Old House paver and you will be assuring the continued success of our new AMA ALUMNI HOUSE & MUSEUM!

Complete the form below and mail to the address below

You can remember a friend, fellow cadet or teacher. You can honor a living alumnus or family member. You can honor your class, or your team, or some other organization (official OR UNofficial!) that you belonged to when you attended Augusta. Thank your parents. Show your wife how much you love her. Tell your kids how proud you are of them. And - at the same time -

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Our AMA Museum is only as good as the items displayed there.

We appreciate all the wonderful contributions of AMA memorabilia, and ask each of you to look in your attic for things which would add unique AMA articles to our collection.

RECENT MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS: We now have the boxing gloves used by **Julian Quarles, '35**, when he won the Middle Atlantic Prep Boxing Championship in 1934. Julian also gave the museum the medal he won and a photo of himself in the boxing ring, which was set up inside the AMA Gymnasium. ☆ **Tom Austin, '61**, has donated a rifle that many cadets carried in their days at Augusta -- a Springfield .03. ☆ **Wayne Vincent, '73**, has given a winter cape from the 1930's. ☆ **Don Studer** has lent the museum a reproduction of the Enfield musket carried by cadets when military training was first introduced at AMA in 1879. ☆ **Joe Alexander, '28**, has contributed a wooden paddle which might have been used on "rats" during Joe's time at Augusta. ☆ **Mickey Gordon, '39**, has made available a student desk from the Big Room. ☆ We have received on loan a collection of AMA items belonging originally to **O. D. Rose, '10**. Included are a 1910 *Bayonet*, uniforms, brass uniform items, postcards, a text book, and a silver plated napkin ring with Rose's name engraved inside. Thank you to Barbara Sullivan, a descendant of Cadet Rose. ☆ **Wayne Vincent, '73**, has donated a guidon banner noting first place in a Sunday dress parade. ☆ Virginia Wales has given a picture of **Colonel Sam Wales, '38**, in his Officer of the Day uniform in 1938; **Ed Chauncey, '49**, found a love letter from a Staunton girl to **Cadet Guy Wilson**, postmarked on January 26, 1891, and has given it to the museum. Ed also has given a framed photo of the Fort Defiance train station from the early 1900's. ☆ **Matt Bradbury, '66**, gave a box of company orders and penalty sheets from 1931-32, a time when his father, **Howard Bradbury, '32** , was attending AMA. Matt also gave us the gold pocket watch presented to his father for his service as Captain Adjutant in 1931-32. ☆ **Carroll Knicely, '46**, has presented the museum with an AMA eagle emblem. ☆ **Marc Aronson, '68**, donated an AMA blanket, Roller Rifle scarf, beret, shoulder cords, shoulder patches, and some belt buckles. ☆ **Bob Bradford, '50**, and Nancy, have given the museum a framed picture of the Doolittle Raiders taking off from the *USS Hornet*; **Jack Manch, '38**, flew on that mission. The Bradfords also gave a picture of Generals Lee, Jackson and Stuart with a genuine Confederate bill encompassed in the frame (Stuart was **Professor Roller**'s commanding officer in the Civil War). They also gave the museum a new camera.

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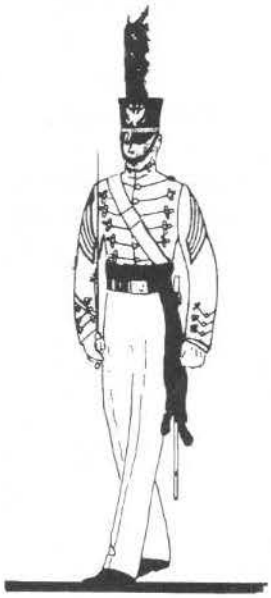
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